December first, 1953

Mr David Newton
Macedonia Cooperative Community
Clarkesville, Georgia

Dear David:

We have done two excellent pamphlets on the school segregation issue. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS is ten cents a piece in batches (as distinct from single copies!) and the CHECK LIST is eight cents. I suggest that if you laid in twenty or so of each they would be snapped up by the discussion group audiences. They were worked out exactly for discussion groups of this kind.

I send you NEW SOUTH for the last year. The various issues should be helpful.

If you can get to a library, an entire issue of the SURVEY, back about 1950, discussed segregation in all aspects.

Such as I have sent is for free; but if you will want some of the pamphlets we will charge you at the prices given.

Best of luck. I hope Alice and I can come up to Macedonia sometime soon. Meanwhile, do always come and see us and stay at 906.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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All material sent under
separate cover -

December 2, 1953

Mr. Samuel N. Scarbrough
Box 420, Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scarbrough;

Enclosed is a list of formerly "white" institutions now admitting Negro students throughout the south.

Details as to the departments open, the dates opened and the first students can be found for many in the NEGRO YEARBOOK, 1952 (Tuskegee Institute, Ala.).

If you are interested in Negro colleges in the South, check the directory of U. S. colleges published by the U. S. Office of Education (Education Directory, Higher Education, 1952-53, Part 3. Federal Security Agency, U. S. Office of Education. Washington, D. C.: U. S. Govt. Printing Office, 1952) or a similar director which indicates those colleges with Negro enrollment.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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December second, 1953

Mr Richard Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr Foster:

After many travels I am back at the office. Very nice to have had the luncheon with you and to check over some program for South Carolina. I am sure you will get things done when you begin to put time and energy into it. Your radio scheme is the best thing that anyone has proposed and I hope you will go ahead with it. Do also try to work out some plan for getting the pamphlet sent to appropriate people, and the sooner the better because the pot boils now!

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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P S : You are a lawyer and I am not. I think the language we rely on for tax exemption is in section 101 of the Internal Revenue Code (title 26 of the United States Code), giving exemption from income tax for donations to organisations for various purposes - "or educational purposes .... and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation."

The Council is chartered as a non-profit eleemosynary Georgia corporation and considers itself an educational organisation. It enjoys a tax exemption under a specific letter of 1948 to the Council from the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Our practise has been to refrain from advocating any specific legislative measure or the election of any specific person. But we have never hesitated to put ourselves on record in favor of some principle or other which may or may not be at the time the subject of a pending legislative proposal. Thus some years ago the Council by formal resolution stated that it favored the principle of Fair Employment Practises legislation but we have never worked for any particular bill of this kind. In a matter of practise, we do very little indeed to influence legislation or elections,

but have never ~~rested on~~ refrained from general advocacy of the enlargement of the franchise.

I send you separately for your ready reference a small bundle of the more recent SRC publications.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December second, 1953

Mr Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Many thanks for your letter of November 24 with check from E B Henderson, now acknowledged and receipted for, and various other helpful items. I await a long screed when your stenographer is back.

Katherine Stoney and I have put off the December Executive Committee meeting until a date to be solicited from the Committee members, but not earlier than the week beginning January eighteen. There seems little to meet about, and December is a tough month to get people together.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS continues to sell like hot cakes, but we make only 3 cents a piece on them and the sale of them therefore affords little over and above what we have got to hold back for paying the printer's bills. Still we have been doing a major job in getting that booklet out and into use all over the South.

If we can find another $1500.00 from outside, we will end this year in the black. Some brisk morning do nose the auto around on its turnstile and aim it at Greensboro and see what you can do. I have exhausted my prospects. Saw the CIO people in Washington a few days ago and learned that we will get a thousand dollars probably in March but not before. We know of about $500.00 in small amounts coming in between now and the end of the year but that plus dues and dribbles is all. We owe the printer for pamphlets delivered and not yet paid for about $1400.00 and we have two more payrolls to meet this month. We are owed, by pamphlet purchases, perhaps $700.00 and will collect it.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December third, 1953

Mr Seymour Samet
Area Director
Southeast Area - A J C
213 N E Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

I appreciate a lot your letter of November 27.

My considered opinion is that my own speech was nervous and not well adapted for the audience but I am not sorry I put before them some things that are clearly to come.

Alice and I met with your Atlanta Chapter last night and greatly enjoyed the occasion.

I will try to have in mind what you say about using some of your Dade County Research Committee's information in our integration work hereabouts.

Come up and come to see us.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t

December third, 1953

Mr Peter Weiss
Executive Director
International Development Placement
Association, Inc
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, N Y

Dear Mr Weiss:

I appreciate greatly your kind letter of November 25.

The African students here at Atlanta University keep me in some touch with events in West Africa and I am greatly interested in what goes on there. So I shall be the more pleased to be regularly informed of the development of your Association and its progress.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December third, 1953

Colonel Campbell C Johnson
Assistant to the Director
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
Washington, D C

Dear Colonel Johnson:

Your Monograph No 10, which you so kindly sent, is the topmost item on my list of things to read with care and interest and I will get to it in a day or two.

Meanwhile I am most grateful to you for sending it and I am glad we had even the small chat in Washington the other day. You were kindness and helpfulness itself to me in all our veterans' business years ago.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December third, 1953

Mrs Lucius R Eastman
121 Mamaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs Eastman:

Here we are at the end of this year in much the same position we were in at the end of last. We are still hopeful for major support from the Fund for the Republic but find the queue longish and the rate of decision slowish.

Meanwhile we have got through the year with the help of a $20,000.00 grant from the Ford Foundation itself which we have more than matched with dues and sales of literature and small gifts. For the first time in some years we are within sight of getting to December 31 with little or no deficit, but it will take uncovenanted contributions, amounting in all to a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars, to get us through in that way. So as the end of the year approaches, do please have us in mind for whatever might be feasible with you toward that happy goal.

We have had quite amazing success with our program of getting a calm and reasonable attitude in the matter of the schools and the courts. Some eighteen thousand copies of our pamphlet, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, The Schools and the Courts, have been sold in sizable chunks to a variety of organizations. Typically, the pamphlet went to all the Chairmen of City and County school boards in North Carolina; to Negro teachers' associations in four or five of the Southern states; to officials of the Methodist Church all over the South; to the Southern Baptist Convention; the Southern Presbyterian Church, and so on. The Mississippi State Department of Education honored us with an order for a thousand of that one and a thousand of the CHECK LIST also. I am sure the little booklet has been a mine for schools and for editors and newspaper writers as they puzzle out the law and the precedents and arguments.

Appreciatively

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t

December third, 1953

Mr C H Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr Parrish:

Nice to talk to you this morning.

If as your sabbatical leave approaches you have not found what would most enjoyably and usefully occupy you, I feel pretty sure the Southern Regional Council would want to get you to do things for it for a month or six weeks anyway.

We put on in Kentucky lately, with the help of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U S A, a Methodist minister who traveled about for two weeks promoting discussion groups on the courts and the schools. Quite a success. I would like to use you in the same way - in some other state. We would cover your travel and make some satisfactory arrangement on salary for the time you helped on it.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t

December four, 1953

Mr H D Goode, President
Negro Chamber of Commerce, Inc
703 North DeVillier Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mr Goode:

It was most kind of you to send us a copy of the correspondence with the Florida State Park Service on the matter of non-segregated use of the park facilities of Florida. I agree that you are entirely right and hope the state of Florida will see the light.

We hope to get out a report pretty soon on state park facilities in all the Southern states and I will be sure that a copy reaches you.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t
cc: Anna Holden, Research Assistant

December four, 1953

Reverend Richard Henry
Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church
1800 West Clinch Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr Henry:

All is straight. I will be at your service on the 14th and 15th. Have not heard anything more from the South Carolina people who want me on Sunday, the 13th, but I can undertake to get to Knoxville, if the planes run all right, let's say for sure 10:30 A M Monday, the 14th. I will write you later when I will get in.

Whatever you and Mr Beckman agree about on my program I will perform as best I can.

If the Christophers will take me in, I confess I will enjoy it tremendously. If they won't, could I go with you and Mrs Henry? I put them first only because I so greatly cherish opportunities to talk with Paul.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December four, 1953

Mr Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

All of us live in a haze of pleasurable remembrance of the Fortieth Anniversary dinner.

As to expenses: Actually I drove up, for my own and the Council's convenience; but I adopt the proper Government habit in stating travel in terms of common carrier.

Atlanta and return with Pullman	$68.54
Hotel	20.00
Meals	3.00
Tips	.95
Taxi	1.00
Total	$93.49

It was extremely kind of you and the whole ADL to invite me in any case and to invite me and cover my travel and put me up so splendidly at the MAYFLOWER was luxury itself.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December eight, 1953

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Harold Fleming will fly over for the Jackson meeting on the fifteenth. Send us any more detail on when and where that you may have. Unless we hear otherwise, I will expect it to be at St Andrews Church at ten o'clock in the morning.

Two things it seems to me could well be explored:

One. I think I saw that Mississippi is setting up a State selected commission to have a program of what to do in case - on the schools. Could not the Mississippi Division select now a parallel commission, honestly representing both white and Negro groups in the state, and let it study what to do and make its recommendations at appropriate times?

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G S M

cc: John Long
Mrs M J Lyells
Harold Fleming

December 8, 1953

Miss Frances Tiernan
712 Belvoir Ave.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Miss Tiernan:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to send you what help I could on the teacher's conference outline you are preparing.

I have sent separately our few SRC articles dealing with school integration.

Also, a recent bibliography of publications in the field of community relations published by the American Jewish Committee. I think you will find the bibliography lists a good bit of material that would be useful to the teachers; particularly the section "Education for Better Living."

The attached list of articles entitled "Integration in Education" is about as long a list of articles directly dealing with experiences in school integration as is available at this point. The Ford Foundation is now in the process of assembling materials on school de-segregation gathered in connection with a study recently sponsored by the Fund for the Advancement of Education. It will be some time before the study will be published, however.

I would include a list of agencies which have worked in the field of intergroup education along with the list of printed materials available. A suggested minimum list of such agenchies is attached.

If you will have the opportunity to import resource people, you might try to get Mrs. Sarah Poole, Principal, Ft. Bragg Elementary School, Fayetteville, N. C. As you no doubt know, Ft. Bragg was the first army post in the South to integrate its schools. Their experience there has been quite successful. Mrs. Poole, if approached, might be willing to prepare some sort of memo or outline for you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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December eight, 1953

Dr Buel J Gallagher
President
CITY COLLEGE
Convent Avenue and 139th Street
New York, N Y

Dear Mr Gallagher:

Paul Harris, Jr asked me to send you some facts about the Southern Regional Council.

We descend out of the work done from 1919 to 1943 by the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation. In '43-'44, the local and Southwide organization of the Commission, with new friends and new purposes, went into the organization of the Southern Regional Council - February, 1944.

We have worked at many things: Getting a general public understanding of the industrial and agricultural changes under way in the South in the last ten years; awakening the region to the need for better housing; reducing racial violence and tensions; improving the administration of justice to minorities; bringing up the standards of police administration and in particular getting Negroes appointed as police officers to Southern forces; getting fairer and better coverage of Negro news in the standard Southern papers; encouraging local community self surveys; and more lately building a public opinion in Southern communities prepared to accept and assist the changes clearly to come in the public school systems of the South.

We have been helped in all these movements by our close but informal links with practically all the church bodies active in the Southern states; and we have had friendly help from teachers, professors, trade unionists and an occasional leader in business circles. We have tried to be accurate and effectively persuasive rather than noisy in our educational efforts.

The Council is small and has never been rich; but like Dartmouth College .... !

We are currently supplicants before the Fund for the Republic for such resources as will enable us to put into each Southern state a minimal paid staff to conduct for a five year period an honest and forward-looking race relations service, in the belief that five years experience of work of this kind will result in continuance of it from public or private resources in most of the states.

I append a list of our present Board of Directors. We have three thousand or so members scattered over the Southern states - approximately one-half Negro and one-half white.

For our first few years since 1944 we had a good annual backlog of support from the Rosenwald Fund, but with the winding up of it we have had to scramble for the means to keep going. Still we have survived if we have not been able to expand and to do many of the things we see need to be done.

If for any reason you should wish to have more information about us we could send you stacks of publications and exhibits - to the point of tedium. Meanwhile, we bespeak your friendly interest, and if we can assist you or your purposes in any way let us know.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Paul Harris

December 8, 1953

Mr. William H. Gremley
Executive Secretary
Commission on Human Relations
25th Floor, City Hall
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Gremley:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to answer your recent letter relating to hospital integration.

I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. William C. Bradbury, Executive Secretary, Committee on Education, Trainingand Research in Race Relations, 1126 E. 59th St., Chicago 37, Ill. Mr. Bradbury, under a grant from the Field Foundation, is collecting and collating all available reports of racial integration in hospitals.

Attached is a copy of the memo which SRC sent Mr. Bradbury May 15, 1953. Since May, Saints Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, Louisville, Ky. has begun admitting Negro girls to their student nurses training program. The press reported that eight Negro girls began training in the fall class.

The Georgia hospitals listed in the memo as having Negro staff members provide separate facilities for Negro patients. If you are interested in exploring Georgia's experience with such a set-up, Mr. R. C. Williams, Division of Hospital Services, Georgia Department of Public Health, Atlanta, Ga. is the person to write.

If we can be of further help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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cc: John Long
Mrs M J Lyells
Harold Fleming

December eight, 1953

Mr Henry Lee Moon, Director
Public Relations
N A A C P
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N Y

Dear Henry:

I just haven't got the lines to Faulkner that would move him. If I tried it, my approach would be through Hodding Carter, and I don't think that Hodding Carter would want to do it or would do it.

I really know very little about Faulkner. I gravely doubt that he would make a statement really helpful. My guess would be that what he would say would have some twist to it that would take away the benefit of whatever else he would say.

I will remember it and I will take any opportunity that comes along to get him sounded out but if you really want to explore it you had better try it with somebody else nearer to him. He has never shown any interest in us or in really modern solutions.

I hope circumstances will bring me to New York before long and if I come I will hunt for you.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December nine, 1953

Mr Burton I Gordin
Research Associate
Commission on Human Relations
Market Street National Bank Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Gordin:

Here is a copy of each of our two pamphlets on schools. We did them to meet a demand for material for local interracial discussion groups. They have sold just amazingly to everybody and his kid sister. Even the Girl Scouts, if you please, besides the Methodists and the Baptists and the Disciples of Christ and the Congregationalists and the Episcopalians and the Unitarians and the National Council of Negro Women and the State Department of Education in Mississippi! If they can be of any help to the Commission on Human Relations we would like to send a stack to you. Ten cents each for QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS in quantity and eight cents for CHECK LIST.

Dismally, we are too poor to have a mailing list. Could not the Commission subscribe to NEW SOUTH at $1.50 per year and that would automatically get you a copy of anything and everything we print including our monthly maggie NEW SOUTH? Subscription blank on the back of grey mimeographed leaflet "What Kind of South Do You Want?".

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December nine, 1953

Dr Howard W Odum
Institute for Research in
Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr Odum:

We all enjoyed Gordon Hancock's 1944 letter. I have put it in a dark corner of the historical folder. With Mr E W Palmer's death we lost about thirty per cent of our big business Board membership!

Charles Johnson and Dent and Clement are pulling all available strings and I have reason to believe that their influence is considerable. I am still hoping that these particular weeks are the decisive ones.

I report quite remarkable success in getting our Schools and Courts pamphlets out to local people who will really use them. Here are a couple of lists of major orders for them.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December nine, 1953

Mrs Thelma S Pegram, President
Virginia Congress P T A
Covington, Virginia

Dear Mrs Pegram:

A recent issue of the JOURNAL AND GUIDE gave us news of your election as President of the Virginia Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers. We would like to propose that the Virginia Congress buy enough copies of the enclosed two pamphlets - or the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS one only if need be - for each or at least many of your local groups to get them. The pamphlets are geared to local discussion group use. The first one develops the issue and the second enables a group to move on fact finding about their local school differences.

The Virginia Council of Churches has already sent out sixty or so and the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Richmond has sent out a goodly quantity. The Virginia State Teachers Association expects to get several hundred and send them out. Reverend W Carrol Brook, at Staunton, Virginia, Acting Chairman of a special subcommittee of the Virginia Council of Churches has mailed out forty or so to county school board people in the state.

Elsewhere in the South, the two booklets have been sent about amazingly. The Mississippi State Department of Education bought a thousand of each. The Southern Presbyterians have bought about six ~~two~~ thousand. The Board of Education of the Methodist Church has sent them out to Superintendents for Southeastern and South-central jurisdictions. The Southern Baptist Convention got two hundred fifty. The Girl Scouts and the YMCA and the YWCA and the National Council of Negro Women and a whole long list of organizations have similarly helped in getting it spread around.

The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS goes at ten cents each in quantity and the CHECK LIST at eight cents.

These are the precious weeks for getting sound understanding of the issues. People are still open minded in a way that they won't be after the Supreme

Court's decision comes out.

I do hope that you will consider carefully whether you can be helpful with this effort.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December nine, 1953

Father L J Twomey, S J
Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Twomey:

Each year so far we have been sending out to members of the Executive Committee of the Council a monthly report of office activities.

It occurred to me that this ought also to reach the heads of State Divisions. Accordingl I am sending you the October and November reports and we will send them to you regularly in the future.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December nine, 1953

Mrs Ruby E Stutts Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs Lyells:

Kind of you to send over the wire which gave us the time and the place. Harold Fleming will be there.

We are in a budget squeeze at the end of the year. Could you bring to the meeting the Treasurer's check book and seek out Harold and on the spot reimburse him for travel if that should be within the intent of the Mississippi Division? I guess it will be in the neighborhood of $50.00.

Katherine Stoney reminds me, too, that there is a bill outstanding for copies of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS amounting to another $20.00.

We are having to husband all we can to get through to the end of the year.

With best wishes to the Mississippi Division,

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t

December ten, 1953

Mr Ray C Nixon
District Director
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum,
and Plastic Workers of America
95 Merritts Avenue N E
Atlanta

Dear Ray:

I really was deeply impressed with the way this meeting went. You and all the others should be proud of building a working piece of democratic machinery. I had a grand time and I am very grateful to you and to the Rubber Workers.

Here is a run-off of the Map speech and at the end a blurb about the Council. Also a mat enclosed.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mitchell, with a blackboard and colored chalks, drew off the main sub-areas of the Southern states, dividing them into the Mountains, the Piedmont, the Plantation Belt, and the Piney Woods. He spoke of the historical and geographical influences which had shaped the habits of prople in each area, and then switched to the problem of producing, area by area, an equal and a democratic South.

For the mountains he urged land-use reorganization, better forest care, more recreational industry, more manufacturing industry, and rapid spread of vocational education to impart skill to the steady surplus of young people coming off of family-owned farms too small in size to keep the population employed.

The Piedmont area he praised as having a democratic pattern of individual farm ownership, interspersed with a prosperous manufacturing economy. That gave a balance between agriculture and industry. Also, he said, the people in this area have a firm grasp of political democracy and a beginning grasp of economic democracy, through trade unions; and in both these fields the people are learning to overleap the barriers of race.

The problems of the thinly-populated Piney Woods area were conservation of the trees which are the great natural resource, and spread of the income from the tree-related industries to the people of the area. For this he relied largely on trade unionism, and praised the success of the paper-workers, the wood-workers, and the chemical workers in getting a higher standard of wages.

In the plantation belt he described the typical arrangements of a few years ago in sharecropping and tenant farming, and contrasted the privileges and power of landowners with the dependence of the greater part of those who worked the soil. He gave an imaginary speech advocating Civil Rights to a landlord group in the plantation area, and suggested what the replies of the members of the more privileged group would be. By way of reorganization he proposed a consistent public policy stretching over decades to come of encouraging independent family farming, the bringing in of industry to the plantation area, and the teaching of industrial arts in the schools of this belt particularly.

Turning at last to the States, he showed how within each of the States of the lower South the plantation belt predominates in sheer size, and then touched on the artificially increased authority of the small voting population of this area in the various State legislatures, because of the devices used to prevent legislative apportionment to accord with the population changes of recent years.

Toward achieving the civil rights of all the people of the South he advocated a program of fundamental change in health, housing, farm ownership, schooling, and industrial opportunity, coupled with legislative enactments to protect the rights of all, underpinned in this way with reorganization of the basic institutions of the whole region.

George S Mitchell is Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. This is a body formed in 1944, on the basis of the work of the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to obtain, by research and action programs, equality of opportunity for all the people of the South. Dr Mitchell has often spoken to various Labor groups, including the CIO schools at Talladega and the AFL Southern Labor Schools at Lakeland, Florida, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In 1944-5 he was Southeastern Regional Director for the CIO-PAC.

The Southern Regional Council is supported by contributions from Churches, Foundations, Labor Organizations, and private individuals. Its offices are at 63 Auburn Avenue, N E, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

December ten, 1953

Mrs Richard Henry
1800 West Clinch Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Helen Henry:

Delighted to be your and Mr Henry's guest. I find I have to be at Charleston, South Carolina Saturday and Sunday, the twelfth and thirteenth. I will take a crack of dawn plane out of Charleston, Delta Airlines, which arrives at the airport at Knoxville, via Delta Flight No 366 at 9:46 on the morning of Monday, December fourteen.

On the assumption that you all will keep me busy through Tuesday evening, I have booked Delta Flight No 327, leaving Knoxville at seven A M Wednesday morning, the sixteenth, and carrying me back to Atlanta by 8:30 that morning. If there were no occasion to be busy Tuesday night, I could conceivably catch the 7:17 plane out of Knoxville Tuesday evening and spend a night in my own bed. But it is more important to do whatever is needful in Knoxville and I am planning to take the morning plane on Wednesday.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dedember ten, 1953

Mrs O G Dawson
Post Office Box 912
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mrs Dawson:

Mighty kind of you to write and to have kept on trying to get something going in Little Rock and in Pine Bluff. I have been after Ocie Lee Smith and Harry Ashmore to revive the Arkansas Division.

Mrs M E Tilly has written out or is going to write out to her Methodist ladies in Arkansas to find out what week in January or February she can suitably come and meet with them. When dates are agreed she expects to go and on that occasion it would be wise to try to draw together the friends of the interracial cause in and around Little Rock and see if we can get going again. We miss young Scott Hamilton don't we?

Warmest regards to you and to many friends of yours and mine.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December ten, 1953

U S Office of Education
Department of Health, Education and
Welfare
Washington 25, D C

Dear Sirs:

We would be grateful for a copy (which we would be glad to pay for) of the issue of SCHOOL LIFE which contains the article on school building unit costs referred to on Page 172 of the Attorney General's supplementary brief in the segregation cases now before the Supreme Court.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December ten, 1953

Mr L S Buckmaster
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum,
and Plastic Workers of America
High at Mill Street
Akron, Ohio

Dear Mr Buckmaster:

I felt a particular glow of satisfaction in being with the District Conference of the Rubber Workers even for a short while on Saturday and Sunday of last week. What was most impressive was the balance of conscientious Union democracy and business-like procedure in the discussion I listened in on that adopted the rules for the new District Council. No pressure, no oratory; as good an example as I ever saw of a body of local Union officials working together to accomplish wisely a common goal.

In my opinion the thing the Labor movement these days should stress the most is the nurturing of just the quality of democratic participation which your people showed. The warmest congratulations to the Rubber Workers for having spread that high quality into its Southern locals.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 11, 1953

Mr Bob McKay
N Y U School of Law
Washington Square
New York 3, N Y

Dear Bob,

Recreation material arrived day before yesterday in good shape. Many thanks.

Harold says he will run an article in a couple or more issues of NEW SOUTH--the next two, I believe, are already staked out.

Mr. H. D. Goode, President of the Negro Chamber of Commerce, Pensacola, Fla. sent us a copy of his recent correspondence with the Florida State Park Service regarding Negro use of the state wayside parks. Mr. Goode was informed by the state road department that two wayside parks were set aside for exclusive use of Negroes. Upon further inquiry as to Negro usage of parks not designated for Negroes he received an evasive letter from the attorney general. The Negro Chamber is now enlisting the support of Negro organizations throughout Florida in an effort to break down the present discriminatory practice.

I might add that Florida has a good network of wayside parks--most of which have been built since about 1946.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

December eleven, 1953

Reverend Harold Letz
231 Madison Avenue
New York, N Y

Dear Mr Letz:

Here's a topical pamphlet which has had mighty wide distribution by churches in the Southern states and I would like to interest the Lutherans in helping to get it out.

You will see what it is: a balanced discussion of the issues involved in the present suits before the Supreme Court. Doesn't take sides; just develops the issues.

These are precious weeks and months before the Court decides in which to build in the South an understanding public opinion prepared for calm acceptance and implementation of whatever the Court may say. The greatest usefulness of the pamphlet is for local discussion groups, but as a friend here says "It's a good reading book just any way".

The Methodist Church, through Dr Schisler of the Board of Education at Nashville, has sent a copy of this and of the companion one (CHECK LIST - which I also enclose) to each District Superintendent from Virginia to Texas. The Southern Presbyterians have sent it to all ministers in the denomination. Dr A C Miller, of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, got two hundred fifty for distribution. The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church ordered a couple of hundred and several of the Episcopal bishops in the South have sent it out to their parishes. The Catholic Committee of the South has used it extensively.

When it first came out, I sent a copy to THE LUTHERAN and expressed the hope that they would carry some notice of it but I do not know what happened. Meanwhile I am now sending copies to our good friend Reverend H B Schaeffer, at Leesville, South Carolina, and to various other people whom he has designated in his own Synod and I will take copies out to Mr Brokhoff and Mr Fritz.

Though retail price is fifteen cents each, we sell them in blocks at ten cents a piece. The CHECK LIST, which is for use by discussion groups that have gone on to wanting to size up the differences between white and Negro schools in their local communities, is eight cents in quantity, but I think it less suitable for general distribution.

Would you not be so kind as to consider whether the Lutheran Church could buy whatever may be a suitable quantity and send them out, particularly in the Southern Synods?

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December thirteen, 1953

Mr Harry Large, Secretary
Chattanooga Interracial Committee
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr Large:

Here and all over the South remarkable interest has been shown in bringing together small local - preferably interracial - discussion groups to talk about the schools and the courts. I have been wondering if you could work out something of this sort in conjunction with the Chattanooga Interracial Committee? In these particular weeks before the Supreme Court gives its decision, people are relatively open-minded. They are curious and would like to know what the whole matter could mean one way or another. After the decision, the likelihood is that partisanship will deivide us unduly.

The Southern Regional Council's two little pamphlets have been quite widely used as the basis of discussions of this kind. The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS opens the general issue and the CHECK LIST is for use by groups which are ready to go into some analysis of existing differences between white and Negro schools locally. I assume that the first would of greatest interest in Chattanooga which by this time must have achieved something close to material equality in the two school systems. Both have been widely purchased by organizations in the South to be sent out to memberships. I am not particularly trying to sell pamphlets but I would be delighted to know of discussions, formal or informal, which might go on in Chattanooga assisted by the QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS booklet or the CHECK LIST one.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December fifteen, 1953

Mr William H Vastine
Associate Executive Director
National Council of Churches in the USA
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Bill:

Your report is an extremely interesting document. We are full of admiration for your energy and pertinacity in getting yourself to the doorsteps of so many hardly accessible people. And your conversations with them were admirably reported and revealing.

I took it in right away to Arnold and propositioned him for finding a device for getting you multiplied at least six times during the first three months of 1954. He called Oscar Lee who providentially had just read your report himself. Between the two of them I am much in hopes that something can be worked out to get six people a-circulating just as you did 'though this time I hope they can have automobiles and a few more of the comforts of physical existence than you had.

You were a pioneer and a good one. Already they are giving us Lanier Hunt January third through eighteenth; and I have undertaken to put on C H Parrish, of Louisville, in a similar capacity for some weeks in January - he having an unexpected sabbatical leave turning up and being free.

I think you really got hold of a remarkable new way to get this job done. It was not just writing about it, it was taking the problem to the doorstoop of people who have a proper responsibility in it and have been half hoping the responsibility would not hit them.

And I cherish the couple of days you and I spent together.

Give our project a poke if some way occurs to you.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

December 15, 1953

Father Albert S Foley
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

The Newsletter went out only during the summer when we had the advantage of an Agnes Scott teacher who did special work with us on the Schools matter.

I am so glad that you and I agree on the very high quality of Brownell's brief. Most Southern papers have presented it as an inflammatory blast at the South. It is extraordinarily conciliatory I think, and the reluctant South would be well through with the whole matter if the Court would accept all Brownell's recommendations.

The authority on educating communities about de-segregating the South is Irene Osborne. You will find her name in the HIGHLANDER material and in some of our material too. She is a non-Quaker who was engaged by the American Friends Service Committee office (104 C Street, N E, Washington, D C) to get Washington ready for unsegregated schools. She has done a magnificent job. Found the facts. Built up a mailing list of interested people. Has it worked around now so that she and her associates are quite influential in school policies in D C. Calm, Quaker-like and gentle. That rather than the Highlander experience is the one to build on in my judgement.

I sent a copy of NEW SOUTH that bore on a study in St Louis done by the Teamsters Union that was quite a good job. Worth your writing to the Union for a copy of the full report. They took it on, school by school and area by area, within the city and calculated how many children ought to be going to what school and what to do about the category of teachers. That sort of thing.

The more I think about the whole matter the more I am convinced that one of the important next steps is for us to get Negroes on school boards straight through the South. There will be ten thousand little matters to be adjusted. Clumsy and socially disruptive to decide them in the courts; healthily democratic and successful to decide them in the school boards with everybody represented. A newspaper friend has just agreed to do a round-up story of all the Southern cities that have tried this. We are hopeful to get it reprinted soon and begin a Southwide push to get these examples followed. Small hint: Somebody would do a great service by printing a model teacher tenure law and dropping it into the controversy-hopper. Dan Dodson of New York University has done a good deal on school matters.

What would be more interesting than descriptions by appropriate persons of the experiences of the parochial schools in St Louis and Washington?

A keen lawyer could give several most interesting lectures on the Constitution vs the "dodges" such as Georgia and other States threaten to try.

Katherine Stoney tells me that your dues were fully and promptly paid in April, 1953, and that you will duly be billed again in April, 1954. Because of your moving, our recent issues of NEW SOUTH have probably not reached you, so I send the last three.

Mr J L LeFlore, of the Mobile Branch of the NAACP, has formally invited me to come to Mobile January first and speak at the Emancipation Day Exercises and I have agreed. The College will of course not be in session but perhaps this will give me another opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 15, 1953

Reverend H B Schaeffer
Leesville
South Carolina

Dear Mr Schaeffer:

Nice to talk with you. Here are a couple of copies of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS and one of the companion pamphlet CHECK LIST. The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS is supposed to be used as the first text for a local discussion group and the CHECK LIST comes on later for a group which has got so far as wishing to find out exactly what are the differences between the local white and Negro schools. The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS is the one we think does the most good. It goes at ten cents a piece in quantity and the CHECK LIST for any one who wants it in quantity is eight cents.

I have written Dr Lets as enclosed and I am sending the pamphlets also to Mr Caughman and Miss Butt and Mr Addy and also to Dr Kinard.

I do hope it will seem useful in the Southern Synods.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 15, 1953

Mr Dan W Dodson
Professor of Education
Center for Community and Field Services
New York University
Washington Square, New York 3, N Y

Dear Dan:

Of course I will come and will love to although I cannot get there unless somebody would somehow raise up enough to cover my bare travel. I don't think that will amount to over $75.00. I have put January 21-22 on calendar at your disposal.

We are having some interesting adventures in getting QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS out over the South. There is an amasing list of organisations which have bought it in good big blocks and sent it out to their people. The State Board of Education of Mississippi got a thousand of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS and a thousand CHECK LISTS; the Southern Presbyterians sent one to each minister in that denomination, and their Board of Women's Work sent them out to Presbyterian women leaders. The Board of Education of the Methodist Church sent copies to each District Superintendent from Virginia to Texas. And the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Council of Negro Women, the YMCA, the YWCA, State teachers associations, and so on and so on. We have printed more copies of this one than of any SRC has ever done and she still rides high!

Additionally, there is a neat device that's been tried and that we hope can be multiplied. We got the National Council of Churches to assign an able person to work for two weeks, after briefing, traveling within a confined local area (central Kentucky), carefully consulting with church leaders, getting across the idea of local discussion groups on what to do locally about the courts and the schools. I have a most interesting report of his work which I will bring along in January.

I am convinced this is the right way to work it. Mail these people all the stuff you want to but nothing happens until a guy rings the doorbell and gets them to sit down and talk about it. We are trying now to get the National

Council of Churches to put on six or seven people who will do that in additional pieces of the South in the first three months of 1954. I wish to goodness, I had a field staff of twenty people. I could turn out such a degree of being informed and open minded on the subject as would amaze Honorable the World!

So I think I would have something to say to your folks.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December fifteen, 1953

Mrs Sue R Slaughter
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Mrs Slaughter:

Many thanks for your letter with its fine check for SRC dues.

I don't know anything more about the "Committee of 100" than its letterhead tells although I have had two or three letters of a similar nature from them myself. I don't see anybody listed who looks doubtful, and like you I see a great many people whose views and concern I respect. Neither do I know anything about the Dukes case itself. The form of appeal is not to my taste but the object of the appeal is to get money for the NAACP to continue its legal efforts on behalf of aggrieved individuals and on behalf of the whole Negro people. With that object and with the methods of the NAACP itself I have complete sympathy.

As for the leaflet on the Dukes case, there are some omissions that a social historian would have put in had he been writing it. Ellis Arnall did reform the prison camp system of Georgia. Stripes are no longer worn except by prisoners who have been involved in escapes and the prison camps are reduced in number and conduct in a way far more humane than was the case ten years ago. The truth is that Ellis Arnall alerted the conscience of the State about its prison camps and that there is a goodish roar of resentment whenever an incident reaches the knowledge of the public of brutality in the camps - as does continue to happen.

We continue to have the most encouraging success with getting QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS out. The Southern Presbyterians have sent a copy of each minister in the denomination and their Board of Women's Work has sent out additional hundreds to Presbyterian women leaders. The list of orders from remarkably useful organisations would run to pages and the pamphlet has already sold more copies than any SRC has heretofore turned out. I cannot say the South is preternaturally calm on the subject, but I think for what calmness there is we can claim a little credit.

Mrs Sue R Slaughter
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December 15, 1953

By the way, Mrs Vivian Carter Mason, new President of the National Council of Negro Women has been at pains to work the pamphlet into the grooves of that organization in a most helpful way.

My warm regards to my friends in Norfolk.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

December 16, 1953

Mr. William H. Conroy, Jr.
5798 SW 59th St.
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Conroy:

Several items related to Negro employment in the South have gone to you under separate cover: "A Look at FEPC," "Negro Family Income in the South," "Negro Municipal Workers in the South," and a bibliography of "Sources on Fair Employment Practice Legislation."

Several reports not included in our FEPC bibliography would be helpful:

> Davis, John A. "Negro Employment: A Progress Report," FORTUNE (July, 1952). Reprints from Community Relations Service, 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y.
>
> Dewey, Donald. "Four Studies of Negro Employment in the Upper South." Washington: National Planning Association, October, 1953. Available from the Association, 1606 N. H. Ave., NW, Washington 9, D. C. $1.25
>
> Hope, John II. "Three Southern Plants of International Harvester Company." Washington: National Planning Association, September, 1953. Available from the Association. $1.75
>
> U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Negroes in the U. S. Their Employment and Economic Status," BLS Bulletin No. 1119. Available from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. $.30

If you are interested in the integration of Negroes into Southern industry, the John Hope study analyzes the experience International Harvester has had in integrating its three Southern plants.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for materials:

Pamphlets $.30 Postage $03 Total $.33

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December 16, 1953

Dr W W Boyce
Erskine College
Due West, South Carolina

Dear Mr Boyce:

Here is a good little pamphlet for which we covet some distribution within the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church.

You will see that it is done temperately and with a balance of the arguments on both sides of the question now before the South. It develops the cases and the precedents and discusses possible decisions or consequences one way or the other. It has been widely effective already in the South in building local public opinion disposed to be temperate and constructive.

We mostly hope that it will be used by local discussion groups. As a companion pamphlet, less important, for discussion groups to use if they go on to try to find out the differences between white and Negro local schools, we send you the CHECK LIST.

The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS has had amazingly wide use. We have only had it in print two or three months. The Board of Education of the Methodist Church has sent both pamphlets to each of their District Superintendents from Virginia to Texas. The Southern Baptist Convention, Dr A C Miller, Christian Life Commission, has bought 250 copies and may get more. The Southern Presbyterian Church in the USA has sent a copy of all the ministers in the Denomination, and their Board of Women's Work has sent out three or four hundred to Church women leaders. The Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina has bought over 200 and two or three Episcopal Bishops have sent it out widely. It has been distributed also by the Catholic Committee of the South. Various State groups of Negro teachers have used it in large quantities. The Kentucky Press Association sent it out to all their papers. The YMCA and the YWCO have been using it for local discussion groups, and so on and so on.

I don't know whom I can claim in South Carolina as good friends of the Council's who will be closely associated with you and with Erskine College. Mr J M Dabbs was lately the Chairman of the South Carolina Division of the Council and his present successor is Judge Richard Foster of the Juvenile Court at Greenville.

We sell the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS at ten cents each in quantity and the CHECK LIST at eight cents in quantity.

It would be a very useful thing if the A. R. P.'s would send it out in some suitable way.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December sixteen, 1953

Mr Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ocie Lee:

I have written a letter to somebody high up in the Secretary's office and asked him to keep a finger on the problem your letter raised. There is nobody left high in the Department of Agriculture who will do much of my bidding but this guy was worth trying. That's all I know to do.

There is one other thing: If you can get word to J M Patton of the National Farmers Union of exactly what the fears are, Jim Patton could have his Washington office go and see the Administrator of FHA. I think that would probably help, although it might not and it might hurt. I just don't know what the situation is in Washington.

Clarence Mitchell could do a good deal if he would actually go and see the Administrator and sit down with him. Nobody in an administrative job in Washington today wants to open a quarrel with the NAACP.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December sixteen, 1953

Mr H H Gordon
U S Department of Agriculture
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D C

Dear Howard:

Willy nilly - and mostly willy on my part, I confess - various of my Negro friends still associated with the Farmers Home Administration have let me know of their fears that in the general urge toward economy and in the various re-organizations under way in the Department the Negro persons attached to State and local offices of FHA are in danger of being reduced in number.

'Tis officially none of my business of course - and I daresay in your present job it is none of your business either. But I am also sure that if you care to exert your interest you could protect something that is rather precious to Negroes in Southern agriculture.

Friends have told me the generally wholesome arrangements the Administrator has been making within the Department. They have felt that he has moved wisely and liberally - personnel-wise. I write merely to express the hope that you or somebody whom you trust will have a finger on this always delicate point.

I frequently travel through Amelia and do my best to find your place. One noble farm stands out - a few miles from the Court House. White fences, beautiful lawn, great stretches of green pasture; but somehow the home does not recall the one I remember as being yours.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 16, 1953

Mrs Lucy Hart Smith, Principal
Booker T Washington High School
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mrs Smith:

When Mr William Vastine talked with you six weeks or so ago, you thought it might be possible to get the Federated Women's Clubs to buy a good stack of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet and get them out. Since then we are aware that Mrs Robinson in Louisville ordered a goodly number for the Kentucky teachers and the Kentucky Press Association has sent out a number of them. But we would like to program distribution of them through the Federated Women's Clubs. Do you think that could still be managed?

The Southern Presbyterians sent them out to each minister in that denomination from Virginia to Texas, and the Mississippi State Board of Education got a thousand of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS and a thousand of the CHECK LIST, and so on and so on. Object is not to sell pamphlets but to get local discussion groups going. Mrs Vivian Carter Mason, new president of the National Council of Negro Women, has had copies sent out with a letter urging discussion groups to all of their leading groups. So you can see what we are after. Do see what you can do.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December sixteen, 1953

National Education Association
1201 Sixteenth Street N W
Washington, D C

Dear Sirs:

We would like to print, perhaps in our small magazine NEW SOUTH, a model teacher tenure law. One of the perplexities of de-segregation is how to protect the tenure of Negro teachers and we would like to get the South to do some thinking about it.

Can you point us to a model teacher tenure law and perhaps some facts about states which have or have not approved laws of this kind?

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 18, 1953

Miss Gladiola E. Ingram
205 Peelor St.
Johnstown, Pa.

Dear Miss Ingram:

I have sent you separately copies of our recent pamphlets and bulletins dealing with the school segregation question in the South. You did not specify in your letter whether you were studying equalization on the grade school or the college letter. For your information, I am enclosing a list of formerly "white" colleges in the South now open to Negro students.

The material we sent will give you very little specific information on equalization programs in the South, but will be useful for background data on the total picture of segregated education in the South.

I am sure you are well aware of the fact that there is very little analytical material available in this area. It would be helpful to those interested in the educational problems of the South if you would narrow your investigation to one or two states and gather detailed information on sample counties. We heard from time to time of "white" schools in the mountain counties of the South that admit the few Negro children there, rather than the counties maintaining separate Negro schools. A study of West Virginia's "equalization" would no doubt turn up and document instances of this practice.

You might be interested in a masters thesis in sociology which a Louise Davis did for the University of North Carolina in 1951. I forget the exact title, but she compared the plant, equipment and expentiures for Negro and white schools in a south Georgia county and estimated the cost of equalization of the two systems.

I hope our material will be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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Material sent:

Pamphlets	.75
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December 18, 1953

Father John LaFarge
70 East 45th Street
New York 17, N Y

Dear Father LaFarge:

How very kind that was of you to use the part from my Catholic Committee of the South talk in the excellent article in the December 12 issue of AMERICA. You are right all the way through and we are grateful for your kind notice.

We are having real success in getting the booklet QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS out to people and organizations all over the South. Father Shean at Rock Hill sent it to all the Southern Bishops and to all the diocesan papers.

Appreciatively

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 22, 1953

Miss Mary Booth
Secretary to President
State Teachers College
Cheyney, Pa.

Dear Miss Booth:

From time to time we do reprint editorial comment on the school segregation cases and other issues of interest to our membership in our monthly bulletin NEW SOUTH.

Enclosed are Southern press comments which appeared shortly after the Supreme Court announcement in June that it would hear further arguments in the fall term. These are the latest comments we have reprinted. on this issue.

If you would be interested in writing particular newspapers for their recent editorials on this issue, I could go through our clipping files and make up a list of papers and dates on which editorials appeared concerning the school cases. Most of the papers we clip are Southern, so our suggestions would be selective of papers in this region.

Agencies such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 20 W. 40th St., New York 18, N. Y. and the American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. distribute a good deal of material related to the school segregation cases.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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December 30, 1953

Mr. Leonard M. Sperry
29 Oakmont Dr.
Los Angeles 49, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sperry:

I write to express the hope that the Samuel and Augusta Rosenwald Fund can in 1954 renew the generous grant of $200 which it so kindly made to the Southern Regional Council in 1951 and again in 1952.

We are closing this current year with the smallest deficit we have had in any recent period (under a thousand dollars!). That is mainly owing to a grant which the Ford Foundation made to us early in 1953 of $20,000. And so far as we know, that grant was without prejudice to our longstanding application to their Fund for the Republic for funds to enable a major expansion of our program into all the Southern States. But we face the opening months of 1954 without any secure backing whatever, and we would be extremely grateful if we might again be in your budget for 1954.

We have done a useful job this year in bettering public opinion in the South on the question of the schools and the courts. I send along a copy of the pamphlet which has been our main instrument. We put it out for use by local interracial discussion groups. It has been bought by an amazing variety of organisations and in quite large blocks. The State Department of Education in Mississippi bought a thousand of this one and a thousand of its companion A CHECK LIST FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS. The Methodist Church sent a copy of each to each district superintendent in all the Southern States. The Southern Baptist Convention got 250. The Protestant Episcopal Church sent out several hundred. The Southern Presbyterians sent one to each of their nearly 5,000 local ministers. The AJC and the ADL have used it quite a lot. The American Friends Service Committee has bought several hundred. The YM and the YWCA and a great variety of teachers' organisations and the National Council of Negro Women, and so on and so on.

All told, we have sold nearly 30,000 copies—quite the largest distribution of any SRC publication to date. And they have all gone to people who really needed them in giving a steer to local public opinion.

I remember appreciatively the conversation with you at the New York meeting of the AJC three years or so ago.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 30, 1953

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. Stern:

For the year 1952 the Edgar Stern Family Fund, as you will recall, helped us most generously, and twice (!). We got through 1953 without asking for help again, but I write now to express the hope that for 1954 we may be sent whatever would seem suitable and feasible.

The truth is that in 1953 the Ford Foundation sent us $20,000, so far as we could learn, without prejudice to our longstanding application before the Fund for the Republic for quite substantial aid toward an expanded program reaching throughout the Southern States. With that contribution we have been able to get through this present year in better shape than for a good while back. But we will face at least the early months of 1954 without any broad backing, and we would be tremendously helped by a renewal of your kind grant.

I think we have made a real dent in 1953 in bettering public opinion in the South on the question of the schools and the courts. Certainly the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet on that subject has had a wide distribution (entirely by purchase, and mainly in quite large blocks to an astonishing variety of organizations). We have sent out already nearly 30,000 copies, urging its use by local interracial discussion groups.

We cherish and honor the long link with you and Mrs. Stern.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 31, 1953

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Dr.
Bloomington, Ill.

Dear Miss Stein:

We will be needing your help again in 1954, and I write betimes!

We got through 1953 with the smallest deficit we have had in any recent year--a thousand dollars. 'Twould have been fifteen hundred without Miss Elizabeth Stein's kind help. The Ford people put up an emergency $20,000 this year, which was our heavy backlog; but we don't know what, if anything, they will do in the coming year, and face our now almost normal problem of keeping going while they and the Fund for the Republic come finally to grips with our request for funds to enable us to spread out and do what, Goodness knows, needs doing hereabouts.

Our job in these last few months has been building a better public opinion in the South on the question of the schools and the Supreme Court. One never knows how much a pamphlet does, but these two that I send along have amazed us with their wide distribution. The State Department of Education in Mississippi bought a thousand of each (I tell you privately we framed the wire!). The Southern Baptist Convention bought 250. The Southern Presbyterians send one to each of their nearly 5,000 local ministers. The AJC and the ADL made quite wide use of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS in particular. Many teachers' organizations have ordered one or both in good big blocks. The YM and the YW and the National Council of Negro Women and the Kentucky Press Association, and so on and so on.

Altogether we have put out nearly 30,000. All of them genuine purchases and practically all for distribution to people whose local leadership would count. What dent we made we know not, but we think it creditable that in the whole South only two States--South Carolina and Georgia--have thus far taken decisive steps toward doing away with their public schools in the event of a decision which their legislatures would consider unfavorable.

I remember our old proposition for some occasion to meet with various of your friends at Bloomington or Chicago or wherever, and I am most willing to do that if any occasion presents itself to you.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 7, 1954

Dictated January 6

Mr. Tom Foster
State Agent
Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company
Route 2
Norman Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Foster:

Hi! I wish we had good eggs like you in hundreds of towns instead of in just a few.

New South gives so little organizational news that I am sure you are behind in that. The Fund for the Republic gave us $240,000 April 2nd of this past year, to be used in getting race relations agencies with paid staff going in a dozen Southern states. They are underway now in all but two of the twelve we have worked with -- Virginia and Florida. We made a decision openly, but never happily, to split the money twelve ways instead of thirteen and leave Oklahoma out. I thought Oklahoma had the resources to do the job for itself if it felt the need of it, and it seemed to me that the other states simply had to be helped.

We continue to have O. D. Duncan on the Board of the Southern Regional Council, as some recognition of what we all regard as Oklahoma's full status as a co-Southern state. But our membership in the state is still eight, or nine, or ten, and for the time being at any rate, we don't see how we can help financially. But if Oklahoma needs a race relations agency, or if we can advise in any way, we will be as generous as we can with correspondence and travel.

Meanwhile, if you can do anything to spread further the reprinted and improved edition of Answers for Action, we would be grateful. It is our best recipe for getting things done. I send you an extra one separately. Obvious that we made the map useable!

Sincerely and Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Answers for Action sent under separate cover this date.

cc: Mr. O. D. Duncan

January 4, 1954

Mr. Thomas Sutherland
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

I incline to think that this your first annual meeting since the agency took on paid staff might quite as well emphasize the Commission's Texas base.

I think it would cost around $150.00 in plane fare and hotel bill for Marion Wright to come over. I feel sure that he would come without honorarium, but the expense is considerable. It is unlikely to suit me to go over because, by present appearances, the Executive Committee of SRC will be meeting the 26th.

So, why don't you work toward finding somebody from the Southwest who would be a good speaker for the meeting and use the meeting to strengthen the Commission's Texas roots?

I had rather see your money and our money used in more contact between this office and you, as a means of tying in the Commission's policy with a South-wide program, than upon hortatory efforts by one-occasion speakers.

Howsomever, if you want to try for Marion Wright, his postal address is Linville Falls, N. C., and in emergency one tries to reach him by calling Spruce Pine, North Carolina, POplar 5-2569, and asking for the kind offices of people in that filling station cum restaurant in fetching Marion from his home a half a mile away.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

January 5, 1954

Mr. Rodney Armstrong
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, N. H.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

A file of recent newspaper clippings and articles on the Ku Klux Klan has been mailed to you under separate cover.

Since we do not have duplicate copies of most of these materials, I am asking you to return them to us as soon as you are through with them.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has followed the activities of the Klan closely. I have asked the Atlanta ADL office to send their material on the Klan to you, too.

If we can furnish any further information we will be glad to do so.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

cc: Art Levin
Anti-Defamation League

January 7, 1954

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. &M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

This is a nice insurance fellow that I met at Norman last year. He sent us in $10.00 just to keep us encouraged.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 14, '54

Dear Manny,

I am going to be in thy city January 21 and 22 and the AM of the 22nd, and again January 25-28. First time for Dan Dodson at NYU (some meeting), and second time for Art Elder at ILGWU, who is having an workers' education institute. Seymour Samet is hereabouts, and told me yesterday the AJC will be holing its annual meeting in NY. at the end of my second stay in the city. I press not myself upon you, but if I fit anywhere and you want me to stay over I expect I could do it. Anyhow, I cherish any chance to express my dutiful attitude toward your miracle-working Boss, and my cordial friendship for you and E. Lukas etc.

I'll be leaving here about the 19th, so you had best do any arrangiing you may need with Art Elder, or perhaps we will be together at Dan Dodson's show, or perhaps in a hectic time I can pay you a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

January 18, 1954

Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I have got myself involved in being at Lynchburg, Virginia, February 16, and have to drive most of the night to get there. But I will be at the Board meeting all the afternoon of the 15th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Secretary

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Mrs. Norwood M. Phelps
Director Civic Departments,
Woman's Club of Jacksonville
Jacksonville 7, Florida

Dear Mrs. Phelps:

We are very proud indeed of the report made by Ruth Upson on the comparison of white and negro education in Duval County, Florida. It is just such local work which will be the price all over the South of friendly agreement on all these matters of schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Mrs. Rebecca C. Barton, Director
Governor's Commission on Human Rights
419 East State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Barton:

Eighty dollars gives us pause though I realize it is a perfectly reasonable price for a printing job.

For internal reasons we could reprint the item in our magazine NEW SOUTH and do so at virtually no cost to us. May we have permission to do that? Be glad to supply you with a stack of them when printed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

cc: Harold Fleming

January 18, 1954

Mrs. Christine K. Wells
Dean of Students
Lynchburg College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Wells:

I will be there for February 16 and can stay over February 17 if that will be needed. I have to be near Chattanooga the day before but will be driving and will sleep somewhere along the way the night of February 15 and arrive at the college breakfasted by 9 o'clodk the morning of the 16th; hope the college finds me somewhere to sleep that night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Mr. George K. Hunton
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear George:

Thursday, January 28, at 6 o'clock, sounds all right; and I don't know of anything that ILGWU has planned that will conflict.

You had best clear it, however, with Art Elder of ILGWU. Assuming that clears, I will show up on Thursday evening, January 28, a few minutes before 6 p.m. to take a minor part in Roy Wilkins' program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Mr. Joseph B. Robison
Staff Counsel
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Robison:

Thanks for your letter of December 21.

I dictated weeks ago a complete annual report, whereupon the typist took ill and it is not yet off her machine. I am hoping it will be available within a few days and will send you a copy then.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Secretary

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Mr. David M. Blumberg, District Manager
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company
Suite 604, Bank of Knoxville Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Blumberg:

How very kind that was of you to send the Council a whole helpful $10 and to write your helpful letter of December 30. I do hope that the January 12 meeting went well and that things are under way. I had much encouragement from meetings of that kind in Charleston and Greensboro.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Mr. Davisson F. Dunlap
Law Offices Adair, Kent & Crenshaw
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

I haven't heard any more about the follow-up on your recent activities in Jacksonville.

Do set me at rest and tell me that you have got things moving in Florida. These are the precious remaining weeks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Secretary

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Miss Luella Hawkins
Librarian
Savannah State College
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Miss Hawkins;

I am sorry but the 1948 leaflet is our last incursion into the formal field of Intercultural Education. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has some publications on it, an excellent bibliography, and I have asked them to write you direct.

I enclose our little Publication List". You will find it has a lot of items that are the substance of Intercultural Education without calling themselves that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Secretary

GSM:hh

January 18, 1954

Mr. Rodney Armstrong
Davis Library
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, N. H.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Enclosed is a bibliography of books covering the reconstruction and the post World War I Ku Klux Klan.

The only book with which I am familiar that devotes much attention to the more recent Ku Klux is Stetson Kennedy's SOUTHERN EXPOSRUE, published in 1946 (Doubleday). This, however, does not cover the height of post World War II Klan activities.

While other periodicals xxxx carried articles from time to time on the Klan, CHRISTIAN CENTURY, the NATION and NEW REPUBLIC consistently reported Klan activities during the post World War II period.

If we can be of further assistance in this or other projects, be sure to call on us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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January 19, 1954

Mr. Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comer:

Last year I wrote you and asked if you could help our Council with some fiscal nourishment; and you wrote that you were budgeted up for 1953, but I should "try you again" in '54. I try.

We've put the year on getting people educated toward tolerance and democratic action in whatever situation may result from the forthcoming Supreme Court decision. We've had notable cooperation from all the Churches and from many organisations with local roots. Our "Questions and Answers, the Schools and the Courts" has sold 30,000 copies, entirely for use by locality leadership; and a companion booklet, "A Check List for Your Local Schools" has helped many small discussion groups to find the facts on present differences between white and Negro schools and to build supporting opinion for agreed improvement. I send the two pamphlets and a few recent issues of NEW SOUTH.

I had much pleasure a few months ago at Tuskegee in calling a roll of Southerners of an earlier generation who first bent our economy toward the discipline of industry and praised them as carriers of a more fruitful tradition than some whom we commemorate in equestrian bronze: Hammett, and D. A. Tompkins, and Captain Smythe, and your father whom I recall interviewing at his roll-top desk at the mill.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

Enclosures

January 19, 1954

Mr. Abner N. Locklear
Route 3, Box 60
Maxton, North Carolina

Dear Abner:

I just haven't been doing much traveling in your direction, but I will get up there as soon as the roads open up a little. I have a new English Ford to show you. Still has flippers.

I called by telephone a trustworthy friend in Macon, Georgia, named C. W. W. Danel. He promised to go at an early date to the Third Street Employment Office there at Macon and tell them that I had called him about the people at Pembroke. The man Danel understands the situation and will reach probably the head man at the Maxton-Lauringburg Air Base office and have him understand that the Indian people around Pembroke should be given a square deal on employment at the new Maxton-Lauringburg Air Base.

I told Danel that two sample names were Talmadge Locklear and Jerome Taylor who were interested in employment as guards.

If you see further instances of unfair treatment, let me know and I will try something else.

Do bring your wife on down to Atlanta. You are welcome by yourself but most so with your family.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:hh

January 19, 1954

Miss Nancy J. Dawson
1269 North Venetian Way
Miami Beach 39, Florida

Dear Miss Dawson:

I am sorry we haven't got any vacancy that would use your unusual equipment. Surely you ought to be working for the State Department. Why don't you write them?

If you ever come to Atlanta, let us know. Would like to be friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

January 21, 1954

Mr. Leo M. Coogan, Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Coogan:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I want to send sincere thanks to you, Mr. Stern, and the Edgar Stern Family Fund for the generous contribution which came to us on January 15th. We are most grateful for help at this time for it makes possible a good beginning for 1954.

Our audit for the year 1953 will be ready within a week or so and we will send you a copy as soon as it is finished.

Again our thanks to you for your support.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 25, 1954

Mrs. Elsie L. Wilson
Council of Social Agencies
715 Travis St.
Shreveport, La.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I see in the papers that the Shreveport survey has gotten your town the National Municipal League's award as the 1953 All-American City.

Congratulations from S R C! We are looking forward to the spread in LOOK.

Dr. Mitchell is in New York on a two-week stretch of conferences and meetings, but I am sure joins the rest of us in praising the Shreveport self-survey committee once more for its effective work.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

January 25, 1954

Mr. John Q. Schisler
The General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

How very kind of you to send the check for $300. from your Board to us so early in the year. We are still working hard to getting wide use of our pamphlets for local discussion groups and have been meeting with a good deal of success. Only this morning we had word of such a group in Mio, Michigan.

We continue to be grateful for all the help given us by the Methodist Church. Our best wishes to you for a fruitful year in 1954.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

January 25, 1954

Mr. Edwin Craig Wall
1607 Ninth Avenue,
Conway, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wall:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council I send you sincere thanks for your generous contribution which came to us on January 22nd.

The work of the Council is made possible by gifts such as yours. We have had what we feel is unusual success in our recent project on the "Schools and the Courts" and hope that we may have helped create a climate of opinion which will consider calmly and reasonably the decision of our Supreme Court.

We will be happy to send you our publication, NEW SOUTH during 1954 so that you may know something more of our work. The January issue should reach you within a week or so. It will give information about library facilities in the South.

Again our sincere thanks to you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

January 27, 1954

Mr. Irving Sohon
7633 4th Ave. No.
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sohon:

The Southern Regional Council does not have films available either for loan or for rent.

I referred your request to the Southeast Office, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here in Atlanta. Unfortunately all their films are booked through the month of Feburary.

The A D L office suggested that you write their Miami office, which has films available.

Mr. Gilbert Balkin
Anti-Defamation League
330 Seybold Bldg.
Miami, Fla.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 2, 1954

Miss Christine K. Wells
Dean of Students
Lynchburg College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Wells:

When I count up the miles from Chattanooga to Lynchburg on the road, I think I am better off taking the Southern Railway's convenient overnight sleeper from Chattanooga to Lynchburg that puts me in Lynchburg at, I think, 8:25 on the morning of February 16. If I am a few minutes later than 9 o'clock in arriving at the College, blame it on the train; but I ought to be successful in arriving by the agreed-upon moment of 9.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 2, 1954

Mrs. James W. Thompson
227 Heathwood Rd.
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

You were very kind to provide me with supper and conversation and transportation, and I do appreciate it.

I had occasion to stop in Charlotte an hour or so on the way back down and asked Mrs. F. O. Clarkson, 227 Cherokee Rd., who is interested in many of the things the Southern Regional Council is interested in, to make your acquaintance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Secretary

GSM:hh

February 2, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

You will recall that you wrote me and asked me that the daughter be assisted into interracial activities.

GSM

February 2, 1954

Mrs. P. E. Isbell
2 Rigger Lane
Levittown, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Isbell:

A relative drove me as far north as Charlotte on a New York trip somewhere around January 25, and I took advantage of that Charlotte trip to call on your daughter and give myself the pleasure of an hour or so at her home. She is pretty busy with the two children and the husband who is gone so much, and I doubt that she can find time for fresh activities. I left her some leaflets (!) and on my way back South two or three days ago asked a most pleasant Mrs. Clarkson to make your daughter's acquaintance.

Mrs. Thompson was as kind as could be to me and fed me a cheerful supper and carried me down to my train. Nice to meet her and those two handsome children.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 2, 1954

Mr. Albert E. Lovejoy
Lynchburg College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

I will be at your service on the 17th and at Dean Wells' service on the 16th.

I don't know anything about criminology, though I could talk a little bit about policemen and how they ought to behave. Ten o'clock and one o'clock classes could be manageable.

Would you now do me a favor? Call Belle Boone Beard at Sweet Briar and tell her what my schedule is and offer me to her for any interstices that you and Beard and Wells can mutually agree upon. I have to leave the night of the 17th and get myself back down to Atlanta for the morning of the 18th. But that Sweet Briar place has a way of ganging up the girls in a sit-down tea party when they can be talked at. It is only because I promised Miss Beard that I would let her know of any Lynchburg trip that I try to carry through.

Sincerely,

Geroge S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 2, 1954

Mr. Frank Loescher
Intergroup Relations Consultant
The Fund For The Republic, Inc.
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

I just got your letter of yesterday about your stay in Atlanta February 16 - 18. Unfortunately, I don't match up well. I promised to be at Lynchburg, Virginia, all day the 16th and most of the 17th. I will be back in Atlanta all day the 18th.

I am going to Chapel Hill to be there the afternoon and evening of the 20th and all day the 21st, in the custody of one Bell of the Methodist Church.

So far as I know, Harold Fleming will be here in the SRC office on the 16th, 17th, and 18th, and will be much at your service, as also Katherine Stoney, our Secretary-Treasurer.

The Urban League person is Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, 239 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Walnut 2355. She has saved 2 P.M. the 16th for you.

Other people whose judgments are much respected in these parts are: President Benjamin Mays of Morehouse College; Ralph McGill; Rufus Clement of Atlanta University; Morris Abram, a lawyer in the Healey Bldg.; and John Griffin of Emory University. Malcolm Bryan is Chief Economist and Vice-President of the Trust Company of Georgia. He was for a few days or weeks on the Board of the Fund For The Republic and would doubtless have a banker's insight, as well as connections with many people with cautious views.

Save me some time on Thursday the 18th and we can talk.

Meanwhile, I will thank Freeman Day for his welcome letter about the pamphlet.

I think Ashmore is closeted February 1, 2, and 3 with the Fund For The Advancement of Education at their New York office; and if this arrives in time, you might call him there and see what his plans are.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 2, 1954

Mr. Dan W. Dodson
Professor of Education
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Dan:

Many thanks, and I had a lot of fun and saw a lot of nice people. And I am satisfied the meeting did a lot of good.

For your leisure I send you a curious and interesting document. It looks as though I can now get various Church bodies to duplicate, in other portions of the South, what the man Vastine did in central Kentucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
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February 2, 1954

Miss Margaret Armstrong
250 Norfolk Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Marg:

A dean lady named Christine K. Wells at Lynchburg College has asked me to be at her college from 9 a.m., February 16, and on into February 17. On the 17th I seem to be in custody of a sociologist named Albert Lovejoy at Lynchburg College.

They are going to give me a bed at Lynchburg College the night of the 16th, and I should depart for Atlanta the evening of the 17th.

I don't know when that lets me come to see you convivially and for my can of maple syrup, but some time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:hh

February 2, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. David Freeman
99 - 19 Sixty-second Rd.
Forrest Hills
Long Island, New York

Dear the Freemans:

You were both mighty kind to me, and I am grateful.

Let's keep in touch and stay friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 3, 1954

Mr. Paul David
The Brookings Institute
722 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. David:

I went right upstairs the other day and wrote a note to the Membership Committee, and I hope I effectively praised that excellent man, Alex Heard. I am so glad you and Brownlow have proposed him. Thank you for letting me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 3, 1954

Mr. Kenneth Pohlman, Assistant Director
Welfare Fund
United Mine Workers of America
Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Kenneth:

Our Council gets mighty useful help from various unions. Steel, Auto, ILG, Rubber, the A. F. of L., and the Sidney Hillman Foundation. If I wanted to apply to the United Mine Workers itself (I assume not the Welfare Fund), where should I start in? Should I write Mr. Lewis direct?

Bill Mitch in Birmingham has known us and liked us a long time and would speak well of us I think.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 3, 1954

Mr. Herman Long
Race Relations Institute
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

Why not convert this year's Institute into a conference on how to desegregate the schools?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

cc: Miss Georgine Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Fund
17th Floor
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

February 3, 195

Mr. Arthur Goldberg, General Counsel
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Arthur:

You will remember that well back in 1953 our Council applied to the Philip Murray Foundation for a grant of a thousand dollars or thereabouts. While I don't believe there has been any formal action one way or the other on our request, word has reached me that there seemed little prospect of the Philip Murray Foundation helping us itself.

I am still hopeful that the CIO can find us, in 1954, something like that sum. We are helpful to quite a number of the unions and, I believe, would be spoken well of by UAW and USA and URPLW and the Amalgamated and various others.

Ought I now to make formal application; and if so, to whom?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 3, 1954

Professor E. E. Witte
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Witte:

Broadus told me of his much profit from a paper read at the Christmas meetings at the Mayflower in Washington on location of industry. December 29, 1953.

If you can lay your fingers on a copy and have it sent to me, I would be extremely grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 3, 1954

Mr. Marion Wright
"Topknot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I told the Fund For The Republic that somebody, maybe us, ought quickly to get out a boil-down of the forthcoming Ashmore Report. In about three days they appropriated $5000 to SRC to do it. Wrote me that they would need certain documents before turning loose the check: Clearance from UNC Press which has copyright, an audit, and "a copy of the Treasury Department ruling establishing your tax-exempt status. This latter document should be accompanied by a statement from you or some other officer of the Council to the effect that the Council has not departed from the terms of the ruling, and that to the best of your knowledge, the ruling is still in full force and effect."

Would you, as President, send me on your Presedential stationery, fairly quicko, such an accompanying statement?

I felt much encouraged in the conversation with the Fund For The Republic about bigger money later on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Mr. Stephen Hay
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hay:

Very nice to have your letter and most kind of you to send a cherished $3.

We do hope you will come to Emory where everyone would like to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Mr. Clifford Earle
Witherspoon Building
Walnut & Juniper Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Earle:

That was as kind as could be of you and Mr. Sissel to listen patiently and take me to so nice a luncheon the other day.

I enclose a pair of documents worth looking at - though I may well have left a copy of both with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosures 2
Vastine Report
1953 Round-up

February 4, 1954

Mrs. Norwood Phelps
2405 Pineridge Rd.
Jacksonville 7, Florida

Dear Mrs. Phelps:

Many thanks for your informing letter of January 22. You are working in just the right direction.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Dr. Lyman V. Cady
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cady:

A tickler file we keep reminds me of the generous and welcome contribution which the Fisk Church has made in these later years to the Southern Regional Council. It came last year in June. Dean Faulkner wrote me back last fall that he had urged on you continuance of the contribution. I write to safeguard our place on whatever may be the list!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Gloucester Rd.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I was in New York last week and did finally follow through on my promise to you and to George Hunton to be present at one of his Thursday afternoon gatherings. They had booked Roy Wilkins to do the talking, and I chimed in at the end. Father LaFarge was there, and I see that his publishers have sent me on his new book which I will read with the greatest interest.

George Hunton spoke with warmth of your appearance before his group only a week or so back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Miss Sue Crank
YWCA
599 Tatnall Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sue:

They tell me you had a grand celebration, and I am mighty sorry I was gone out of these parts and did not get to it.

Nice to hear of all the new life that came in with Miss Sue Crank.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Mr. Lanier Hunt
NCCA-USA
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Lanier:

We are hoping you will send us a written report on your SRC trip. Doesn't have to be as detailed as Vastine's, but some play-by-play account would be most helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
1429 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Reverend Turnipseed:

Here is one worth looking at. Please try to get at least the flavor of it. We have good prospects of a cooperative arrangement with various Church Boards which would get most parts of the South covered in this way.

I think it a most promising device.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosure

February 4, 1954

Mr. Marion Wright
"Topknot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

Here is one worth looking at. Please try to get at least the flavor of it. We have good prospects of a cooperative arrangement with various Church Boards which would get most parts of the South covered in this way.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Dr. Albert W. Dent
Office of the President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

Here is one worth looking at. Please try to get at least the flavor of it. We have good prospects of a cooperative arrangement with various Church Boards which would get most parts of the South covered in this way.

I think it a most promising device.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
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February 4, 1954

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

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Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

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Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

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Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Bldg.
Knoxville, Tennessee

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George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Miss Martha Gerrard
329 Villanova Rd.
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Miss Gerrard:

I wrote Mr. Coveyou as best I could.

We had no more pamphlets that were particularly helpful to send him, so I send back your dollar.

I suggested that if funds could be got together to enable me to come up sometime and talk with the group, we could all get further ahead with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enc.:Check

February 4, 1954

Dr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

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Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia

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February 4, 1954

Rev. M. V. Shean, CO
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

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Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
Race Relations Department
Board of Home Missions
Congregational Christian Churches
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Galen:

I do thank you greatly for the circular you sent out January 20, praising the Q & A and Check List.

That will help tremendously.

I got Oscar Lee working on a plan to get various denominations to break loose leg-men to do as Vastine did. Vastine Report herewith and richly worth your reading.

Could you do something later, in gentle cooperation with us?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosure

February 4, 1954

Miss Lee F. Painton, Producer
Southern Economic Project
National Broadcasting Company
RCA Bldg., Radio City
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Miss Painton:

Sorry I have been traveling so your kind letter of January 19 is pokily answered.

I send you five copies of each of the pamphlets and one copy of the new one on the schools business.

Technically, somebody ought to pay us 10¢ for each pamphlet, but skip it.

The broadcast was mighty nice and I think was very widely listened to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
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February 4, 1954

Mr. Ernest E. Neal
Box 67
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Ernest:

Proud that you are going back to India, and blooming sorry to lose you from hereabouts. But you come back here better than ever.

I will make you Regional Director for the Southern Regional Council in Southeast Asia!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Miss Anne O'H. Williamson
Central State College
Box 54
Wilberforce, Ohio

Dear Miss Williamson:

I have been traveling so I have been slow about answering your letter of January 12.

Yes, I have got an article in me and I would like to write it. It is called "Mumbledy-Peg and Automobile Polo" and when I get it written I will send it to you. But I don't know how soon I can write it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Mr. W. Brinton Whitall
2150 Maplewood Drive, S.E.
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Whitall:

Many thanks for your letter of January 18. I have been traveling and am only just back.

I have friends here who have from time to time explored with Rich's its policies in regard to the matters you and I are interested in. I think I am correct in recalling that a year or so ago the store officials said in private conversation that the percentage of Negro business runs around three, and that on that figure they hesitate greatly to break sharply with customary local policy. Yet it is true that the store has been in the forefront in Atlanta in most softenings of discriminatory practice. And it is common observation that Negro trade frequents the store gladly and in a courteous reception.

I think the right thing to do would be for a small delegation to come down from Knoxville and confer with Mr. Richard Rich at the store here. Make an appointment and talk it over with him. There are, of course, people here in Atlanta who could be go-betweens; but I think it would be much better if the approach were made directly.

I am pretty sure there are no unions among the store employees.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Mr. Matthew A. McKavitt
1623 Monroe Street, N. W.
Washington 10, D. C.
Dear Mr. McKavitt:

About three years ago we did have a pamphlet called "Race In The News". We were lucky in having it sent by various organizations to editors all over the South. Then the useful device was to have local committees of church people - sometimes bi-racial, sometimes not - go and see the editor and talk with the editor about swinging the paper 'round to following the recommended practice. That works. If there is time and energy, the local group can keep tabs on the paper as to these practices for a month or for two months and then convince the editor that he ought to come around.

It would take more money than we can muster to summarize the extent of change since the pamphlet came out. My guess is that two-thirds of the Southern press has sharply improved in these matters since the pamphlet appeared.

My cordial best to Margaret Garrity and many another mutual friend. Most particularly, I enjoyed the friendship of the Trinity Fathers at Silver Springs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

Encl: Race In The News
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February 4, 1954

Mrs. Henry W. Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville 10, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Thank you for writing, and I am mighty sorry about the loss this year of the hundred dollars from the Province of Sewanee. I do hope you will urge various of the Dioceses to help their Divisions.

Both Bishop Penick and Bishop Clingman did come on to the new Board.

I have been working with the people in the National Council of the Church toward getting some people detached to travel about working up local discussion groups, preferably interracial, on the Schools and the Courts. The first experiment of this kind was with the National Council of Churches, and the enclosed report resulted from it. Could not the Easter Meeting up here give some attention to a plan to get such local groups going?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Encl: Vastine Report

February 4, 1954

Mrs. David Justice
195 California Avenue
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Justice:

Ann Montero, of the National Consumers' League, asked me to send you some material on the schools and courts. I send you various issues of NEW SOUTH. On the experience of border areas that have de-segregated, not much is yet in print though I can list the attached references.

The Fund For The Advancement of Education, 55 Madison Ave., New York, has completed a very careful study on just the things you want; and they expect the University of North Carolina Press to get it into print by May 1.

Meanwhile, people who know the facts pretty well are: Philip Hammer, Executive-Director for the Committee of the South, Glen Building, Atlanta, Ga.; or Harold Fleming of this office; or Curtis Dixon, of the Southern Education Foundation, 811 Cypress, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

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February 4, 1954

Rev. Joel M. Savell, Director
Wesley Foundation
Box 676
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Savell:

Thanks for your phone call and for your letter so promptly this morning.

Quite all right to talk at 6:45 Sunday evening and again do what we ought to do at 8:15.

I will plan to reach Chapel Hill by 5 p.m. on February 20 and will seek you out then.

I suppose the 6:45 subject ought to be "The Schools and the Courts". But there is another speech I could do, called "The Map of the South".

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 4, 1954

Mr. Robert R. Coveyou
129 Orchard Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Coveyou:

This is in belated response to Martha Gerrard's kind letter of January 23. Perhaps the most useful thing I can do for you is to send you a copy of this letter dictated today to the head of our forces in Mississippi.

Alfred Mynders, Editor of the Chattanooga Times, is also Chairman of SRC's now-quiescent division in Tennessee. He is especially well informed about school matters. Any of your friends who could talk with him would be assisted. If there were funds to enable me to come up and meet with the group at Oak Ridge, I think that I could give them a good deal of experience and encouragement from other places.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosure

February 5, 1954

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

Of course, delighted to write to the Social Science Research Council; but they have not as yet queried me. Should I write to them anyhow, or should I wait for request from them?

The General Counsel for the New York SCAD is Henry Spitz, 270 Broadway. I met him in New York the other day and he told me that partially in pursuance of some pushing I had done at him, he had put together in a mimeographed volume done for NAIRO a tracing-out of the proliforating case-law on fair employment, bringing into it nearly all the active state commissions. I have perhaps talked to you about the importance of getting all of this Law-In-A-New-Field put together in order. He promised me he would send me a copy of what he did. Anyhow, a notation of the existence of such a first codification ought to be in your files. Some 20th-century Blackstone will do the job importantly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 5, 1954

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
830 Wild Cherry Lane
University City 24, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

You are a good egg!

Love to come.

I suggest arrival the morning of Friday, March 5, and staying for any of Sunday that there may be need for.

If that turns out a bad week-end with your people, Friday, February 26, to Sunday, February 28, is workable with me; but let me know soon because I can't hold it long.

Almost any week-end later in March would do if need be.

Tell Helen and Myron Schwartz that I have an old purpose of gradually getting about to the local chapters' meetings of the American Jewish Comittee and have so far during recent years reached Memphis and Dallas and Houston and Miami. I don't press it, but I state it. I don't beg them for money but I urge them to do still more as local citizens.

I hear some of the nicest things about Harold Gibbons, and I do hope he will like what he hears of SRC.

The pressing job these days is the schools and how to get them opened pleasantly.

I could get up there and back for $75.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:

February 5, 1954

Miss Ruth Sloan
4201 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Miss Sloan:

Very many thanks indeed for your first welcome issue of AFRICAN NEWS. I look forward gratefully to receiving it regularly. It is grand that you are doing it.

I list below some other people who might be interested:

Mr. L. D. Reddick, Librarian, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. Benjamin Mays, President, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. Nathaniel O. Olaku, 611 West 113th Street, New York 25, N. Y.
Mr. Victor Kotun, Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Mr. Frank Loescher, 1 East 54th Street, New York 22, N. Y.
Mr. Kendall Weisiger, Palmer Bldg., Marietta St., Atlanta 3, Georgia

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Encl. Check

February 5, 1954

Dr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Dr. Barbare:

I know the affinity between mimeographed stuff and the wpb. But this one is worth fishing out and reading good stretches of.

The National Council of Churches has promised us some more people to do this job in other parts of the South; and we are trying to persuade various denominational bodies to help similarly. If we could cover the South in this manner, it would be a major contribution.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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SAME LETTER SENT TO FOLLOWING:

Ulysses S. Bond - Madison, Arkansas
Rt. Rev. Chas. Clingman - 421 So. Second St.
Louisville, Kentucky
S. Thomas Friedman - Southwestern Jewish Community
Relations Council
Houston, Texas
Rabbi Chas. Mantinband - 808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Miss.
Dr. B. E. Mays - Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. B. A. McDowell - Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary - Wake Forrest, N.C.
Dr. Clyde Milner - Guilford College, N.C.
Rt. Rev. E.A. Penick-802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N.C.
Dr. J.L. Reddix - Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.
Mrs. E. U. Robinson - 675 N. Waters St.
Gallatin, Tenn.
Mrs. E.H. Spearman - 1511 Laurel St., Columbia, S.C.
Mrs. Tommie Stroud - 3225 Maple Ave., Waco, Texas
Miss Florence Sytz - Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, La.

February 5, 1954

Mr. John Strohecker
Executive Director
Macon Community Chest
310 Grand Bldg.
Macon Ga.

Dear Mr. Strohecker:

In reply to your letter concerning invitations to the 1954 Blue Ridge Institute July 26 - 30, I suggest that the following executive be added to the list: Mrs. Sujette Crank, Executive Director, Phyllis Wheatley Branch Y W C A, 599 Tatnall S W, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Crank worked with the Y W C A in Chicago before coming to Atlanta, her particular field of interest being adult education. She would be an excellent addition to the Blue Ridge roster.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 5, 1954

Mr. Paul E. Pfuetze
Department of Philosophy
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Paul,

If they jump on some guy just, or plainly almost entirely, because he has been thoughtful and fair and non-conforming on matters of race, I think our Executive Committee would want the Council to speak up. But though I think the whole business is an invasion of academic freedom, and bad for Georgia and for the country, I don't think that SRC's protest, just on academic freedom, would be wise expenditure of what little strength we have.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 5, 1954

Mr. B. Tartt Bell, Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt,

Just the right touches in your letter to Dr. Will. Our warm thanks for immediate understanding and action.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 5, 1954

Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Patterson,

That was most kind of you to write just as you did to Dr. Alexander.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 5, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders,

I do greatly appreciate your writing to Dr. Alexander. Let's all hope for the desired results!

Sincerely,

GeorgesS. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 5, 1954

Mr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent,

Good of you towrite so effectively to Dr. Alexander. Our warmest appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 5, 1954

Mr. Virginius Dabney, Editor
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Virginius,

I thank you for that fine letter to Dr. Alexander.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 5, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

We are grateful to you for your most helpful letter of January 28 to Dr. Alexander. Let us all hope for the desired results!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 8, '54

Dear Mr. Robison,

I promised you a 1953 Report on SRC, which you wrote for Dec. 21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

February 8, '54

Dear David Andrews,

That's all straight, and I'll be on hand June 6-11.

Sincerely,

GSM

February 8, '54

Dear Mr. Carter,

Many thanks for your letter of February 3.

The report and recommendations I thought excellent, and I am sure carefully calculated to get as much response as possible. I would add, when you feel strong enough, the recommendation that a capable and courageous and representative Negro citizen be appointed or elected to the County school board; I'm pretty sure that's the wise next step. If they are in on all the planning they will agree to the little concession, from major program, that avoid useless friction.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Miss Stoney did send the publication, I believe. Appreciate the two dollars, which helps!

February 8, '54

Dear Mr. Davis,

No more news from you on the roundup of how things have gone where they have Negro members of school boards. That still seems to us a mighty important thing to get out a story on, and our eggs are in your basket!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

February 9, 1954

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
11 Pryor Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Alex:

Recently, in conversation with a minister - for the life of me I have forgotten whom, but the idea has grown with me since - it was pointed out to me that those of us who have studied human relations in the South have perhaps too easily assumed that wherever unsegregated schools appear, the children themselves can be trusted to make a prompt and pleasant atmosphere of welcome. My advisor said: "In the South in many places it is going to be difficult. Many children will reflect the attitudes of their parents."

I, myself, still hold to the doctrine that after a brief initial period the children will make a workable adjustment. But I see much advantage in trying to get parents in the South to give their children a little positive steering ahead of time toward cordiality instead of suspicion.

It seems to me this could only be done through religious organizations. I know that of course doctrine of this kind is implicit right through the major religious bodies, but I do not think that locally a positive connection between doctrine and parental instruction to children has been achieved.

With a view to getting the matter considered, I have written the appropriate persons in each of the major religious organizations having strength in the South and urged that maturely and carefully this area of interest be explored.

If you would take on a responsibility for getting the idea discussed in Jewish circles, I am sure you would perform a helpful service.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 9, 1954

Mr. John Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary
General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue South
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

Somewhere in my recent travels I fell into conversation with a minister whose idea has grown with me as the weeks have passed. He said that the people who think they know something about human relations have been too easily assuming that in cases in which unsegregated schools appear, the children themselves will make a ready and pleasant adjustment. He said that quite to the contrary, most children would reflect whatever prejudices their parents had, and that we all had the extraordinarily difficult but positive task of encouraging parents to say to their children, "Jackie, now you be nice to those new little children." It seems to me the man was right.

Now of course we all understand that of recent years, teaching of this kind has come into the Sunday School year. And the involvements of Christian conscience in the whole field of race relations are the subject of many sermons. But I doubt that locally a positive connection has been seen between religion and what parents will say to their children when families are face to face with the issue.

If this whole matter seems to you to have merit, it is to be hoped that it will become the subject of careful thought within your own and other appropriate Church Boards.

So far as I, as the student of things Southern, can see, this is the only force which could accomplish the needed changes to those of Christian conscience. All doctrine is surely on the side of a tolerant and kindly welcome; the problem would be to diffuse a local union of doctrine and positive parental instruction.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Executive-Director

February 9, 1954

Rt. Reverend Alfred Cole
Trinity Parish House
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Bishop Cole:

Here are copies of letters I have sent respectively to friends in the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist groups. To save time I send you copies instead of doing it all out separately for you.

If the idea seems to have merit, I do greatly hope that it will come to be considered within the whole Department of Christian Social Relations in this Province. I do not know the appropriate Provincial officer for the Southwestern Diocese but trust you to extend the idea if it seems to you meritorious.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosures 3

February 9, 1954

Mr. Alexander Sharp
National Missions Board
Presbyterian Church in the USA
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Here are copies of letters which I have sent out to various Denominational leaders having particular strength in the South. I should not be surprised if the idea came from either Mr. Earle or Mr. Sissel.

In any case, I would like to add it to the repertoire of ideas which you and they are at work upon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosures 3

February 9, 1954

Father Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Institute of Social Order
3655 West Pine Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

My apologies for trespassing into the subject of this letter, but I would greatly value your consideration of the idea and your follow-through, insofar as the matter, maturely considered, may have value.

Some minister with whom I talked lately - and I am sorry I have forgotten whom, but the subject has grown with me since the conversation - spoke much as follows: "Those of us who have been concerned with human relations have far too easily assumed that where unsegregated schools appear in the South, the children themselves will offer a welcome to the incoming children of the other group. Many children - perhaps most children - will reflect the attitude of their parents. That opens the problem of obtaining a positive welcoming attitude."

I do not know any way for this to happen across the South unless by a direct involvement of religious conscience with parental attitude. Surely the doctrinal basis of such an attitude is present and is widely and frequently taught. But we now hover on the edge of a period in which attitudes will be put to a practical test. I know it will take years, but I do cherish the hope that the religious forces of the South will be about the business of inculcating this positive instruction.

I have written similarly and in confidence to appropriate persons in the leading Protestant Denominations. I am sensible of my temerity in writing you in this wise, but the Church could make a notable contribution to the solution of a common problem, and I do wish to be sure that the idea began to burrow its way about from a point where it would find initial welcome.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
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February 9, 1954

Mr. Lewis Deer
Disciples of Christ
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Here are copies of letters which I have sent to friends in various Denominations in the South. I need not take the typist's time to do it all out again for you.

You will see the point and, I am sure, do whatever may be seemly and feasible within your own Denomination.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosures 3

February 9, 1954

Mr. Malcolm C. Calhoun
Division of Christian Relations
Presbyterian Church in the USA
Henry Grady Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

Lately some minister I met in my travels - and for the life of me I cannot remember who - opened my eyes to a whole new aspect of the schools problem.

Those of us who have tried to think ahead on these matters have mostly been going blandly on the assumption that with the children themselves it didn't matter and that they could be trusted to find workable adjustments ready. Whoever was my advisor said: "Now it is going to be different in the South. Many children are going to reflect their parents' prejudices. In most communities where unsegregated schools appear, there comes the huge problem of getting parents to urge their children to be nice to the new little pupils." Of course that goes for both white and Negro parents.

I do not know but one body in the South which can accomplish this change. Clearly it is the Churches. It seems to me it is going to be necessary to try to interweave with religious conscience the positive teaching of non-prejudiced attitudes to children - as a part of parental and religious duty.

I do think that if the Churches took on that task they could perform with it. It would take years - maybe many, many years - but certainly it would be well if the major religious denominations were conscientiously taking up their part of the task.

I know, of course, that nearly all Christian bodies include teaching of this kind in the annual rotation of Sunday School subjects. But what may in this or that local church be routine, ought now to take on earnestness.

If on consideration and consultation, this idea seems to you and your associates to have merit, it is greatly to be hoped that this broad new positive action can be entered upon in a careful and programmatic way.

I have a notion that if J. M. Dabbs were approached, he and Mrs. Dabbs could do a thoughtful article in the Presbyterian Outlook which might start the ball rolling.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 9, 1954

Dr. A. C. Miller
Christian Life Commission
Baptist Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

I would like to open with you for the Denomination a matter which seems to me worth deliberation.

Some minister with whom I talked in recent travels - I am sorry to say I have forgotten who it was but the idea grew with me later on - pointed out that most people in the field of human relations who have been trying to think ahead in the schools matters in the South, had too easily accepted the assumption that school children themselves are without prejudice and would, in cases in which unsegregated schools appear, readily welcome the children of the other group. What was said was that in the South a great many children and perhaps most children, will strongly reflect the views of their parents and much will be done here and there to make children of the incoming group quite uncomfortable.

That opens a whole additional field for positive educational effort with parents. Clearly the only organizations which can take on this problem and make worthwhile progress with it are the Churches.

I quite realize that of recent years Sunday School lessons have come to include, routinely, religious instruction on this point. But doubtless also in many local churches, the direct application of those teachings to local situations is passed over. And in any case, Sunday School lessons reach children usually, and this is really a problem of adults.

If you agree that this whole idea has merit, I do think that the Christian Life Commission would do a great service to the Denomination and to the South and to the Country if, with all due circumspection and devotion, effort could be made to get this task understood and acted upon locally. The problem would only be sold in a reasonable time if Christian conscience takes it up.

What I would hope for would be serious consideration of the matter by your own and any other appropriate Church Boards. Perhaps if the matter came to be discussed in all charity and earnestness in the various Church papers, that would be a good way to get the issue out. I have no fear of what the ultimate reaction of Baptist papers over the South would be when the matter came to be really understood.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 9, 1954

Mr. David F. Freeman, Secretary
The Fund For The Republic, Inc.
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We prepared, at the end of 1953, a summary report of our activities for the year.

I thought a couple of copies of it should be in your files. And also I send for the files an additional copy of the audit for 1953; and another copy of what I call the Vastine Report.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
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February 11, '54

Mr. George Weaver
CIO
718 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear George,

You will remember that SRC put in a request last summer to the CIO nationally for a grant of a thousand dollars. It was suggested that I make the request of the Phillip Murray Foundation, which I did, but I haven't had official word from them of their action. Meanwhile, as I doubt that they propose at this late date any grant on that original request, may I through you renew my asking for a grant from the CIO itself?

There is just the mischief of a lot to do here, on preparing people for the changes in the schools, and hardly anybody is concerned to work ahead of time, when the working is the best. We have been getting results, with small local interracial discussion groups, using our Questions and Answers, the Schools and the Courts booklet. And we've had significant help from the National Council of Churches is assigning people (at their expense) to go about knocking up such local groups. These are critical weeks and months in the campaign to prepare public opinion, and we are still without major foundation backing (though hopeful of getting it later on), and in real need of plain money to keep going with. John Rife and plenty of others up there will parise what we do and how we do it. And you know I work in the closest harmony with the CIO locals and internationals.

Won't you make a try with people at the forthcoming Board meeting, and see if this emergency can't be met?

I'm writing Mr. Rife, but I want your friendship to the purpose.

February 11, 1954

Father Bernard
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont, North Carolina

Dear Father Bernard:

Some people at Chapel Hill have asked me to come up, all expenses paid, to be in Chapel Hill Saturday afternoon and evening, February 20, and all day Sunday, February 21.

It would be a simple matter for me to be at Belmont at any reasonable hour on Monday, February 22.

And Father Vincent was kind enough once or twice to say that he hoped I would stop by on some convenient Northern trip and talk to some part of a school or college group. I am anxious to comply with Father Abbot's suggestion but do not wish to dis-arrange the on-going teaching schedules of the College or of the school. And besides, the 22nd is Washington's Birthday!

At any rate, I make the suggestion and perhaps you will be good enough to let me know whether the proposal is suitable. Perhaps some other time would work better.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

cc: Very Rev. Maurice Shean, C.O.

February 11, 195

Mr. Frederick D. Carter
257 - 34th Street Circle
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Carter:

Our Council is as low in funds as ever and we haven't at this moment got any places open at all. But the situation requires so much work that I keep hoping some of our efforts to get money to do the job will pay off.

I have got to catch the Birmingham Special, Northbound, from Chattanooga next Monday evening, February 15. I believe it leaves the Southern Railway Station in Chattanooga about 8:30 or 8:45 p.m. What would you think of your coming down to the station about 8:20 and we could talk some, anyway.

I wear gray hair and a gray hat and a brown topcoat. Steelrimmed glasses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 11, 1954

Mr. Bill Northcutt
Limingston College
Livingston, Alabama

Dear Mr. Northcutt:

We would be grateful for a copy of the January 22 Livingston Life which Mr. Gomillion praised at the February 4 meeting of the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosed 3¢ stamp

February 11, 1954

Miss Dorothy Jones
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

I expect to spend Monday night, February 22, in Rock Hill in Father Shean's custody. If I can do you any service in a brief Rock Hill stopover, let me or Father Shean know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 11, 1954

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

If this works out, I presumably will get to Rock Hill the late afternoon of February 22. Perhaps in that case I could find a bed in your House for that night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 11, 1954

Mr. Harold C. Letts
United Lutheran Church
231 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Letz:

Somewhere in my recent travels, I talked with a minister - I forget who it was now - who pointed out to me that in all probability the people who have interested themselves in human relations have been too easily assuming that in the South, when schools go together, the children themselves would forthwith smoothly exhibit their best unprejudiced selves. He said we ought to expect the children to reflect the prejudices of their parents; and went on to say that the job we all had to do was larger than the negative job of clearing way the obstacles to the two groups of children going to school together, when and if that becomes the law. It is also the positive job of getting parents so minded as to enjoin their children to be agreeable to children of the other group.

I think that it is right. Surely there is only one body in the country that could make headway with this positive task, and that is the Churches. I take it that means that so many as agreed should try to get Christian consciences directly concerned with what parents say to children on this issue.

All the Churches have shown great interest, formally and informally, in problems of this nature and of course such teaching comes into much religious activity, but I doubt that in local Churches this positive task has as yet been foreseen.

At the risk of being a bit forward, I drop in the suggestion that with all due circumspection and in proper channels, the Lutheran Church, along with all others, consider whether this problem is one with which it wishes to be concerned.

I have written in this way and in confidence to appropriate people in the Methodist Church, the Southern Baptist Convention, the two major Presbyterian groups, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the friends who conduct the Catholic magazine SOCIAL ORDER, and so on.

I am still remembering with the greatest pleasure our conversation a couple of weeks ago in your office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 11, '54

Dear Miss Dolan,

Nice to know about the new Friendship House. I've had the Washington one on my list to visit, and will get there, and to yours in Shreveport. Meanwhile we share admiration for Father Gremillion, and I am sure for mutual friends at Loveland, Ohio. Miss Wilson, who did so much to put through the Shreveport Survey, knows us and is our friend.

I can and do send you New South for the last year. It's only a dollar and a half a year, so why not send in a sub, and we can send it right along.

Meanwhile, do note particularly the Questions and Answers and the Check-List pamphlets; both mighty usable for local interracial discussion groups, which with Q and A develop the issues, and with the Check-List find the facts. But the survey has aleady found the facts for your own city, so you are ahead by that much!

I don'T know when I'll come; mostly I have to get tickets bought to get places (!), but some day I'll be along. And if you are hereabouts, do come to see us.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell

February 11, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Here is our latest list of open colleges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosure

February 11, '54

Dear Miss Strauss,

This looks like a great long MS. of mimeo to even flip pages on, but I have been surprised to learn of the useful people who have read every word of it!

It's almost a new way to work - in this field, anyway. But it seems to fit the present situation on the schools question. The National Council of Churches has sent us one other man, to work Upper South Carolina, and has promised a couple of more people. I think Dick Bennett will give me a girl to work Western North Caroolina. We have ourselves put on for this month Professor Parrish, at the U. of Louisville (their only Negro professor, carried over from the old suppressed L. Mun. Coll.), to work Alabama. P. has a short sabbatical, and is doing this for a try of its workability in the Deeper South.

What I'm after is to block in the whole map of the South, with assigned people, working in this way. And of course if the Fund for the Republic people come through it can be extended and intensified.

Our warmest regards,

George S. Mitchell

February 11, '54

Dear Ed,

This is a rewarding way to work, and though it looks long, worth some reading.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

White copy

February 11, '54

Dear Dr. Davis,

Thank you for your letter of t'other day, renewing a long and to us pleasing relationship - a good dues-paying member!

You will probably recall that when about 1943-4 the old Interracial Commission (as a Soutwide organization) was preparing to turn over to this Council the Virginia Interracial Commission found some Church aid, and continued as a branch of the Virginia Council of Churches. It couldn't be quite as inclusive as the Council, and quite a good number of our long-time Virginia friends continued to belong both to SRC and to the work of the Department of Interracial Cooperation (now the Department of Christian Social Relations) of the Virginia Council of Churches. We have thought it right to ask the Church group to serve for us as our arm in Virginia, even though formal affiliation wasn't workable. And that is how it has been. On the whole satisfactory, but it imposes some strain on our old-time helpers, who are asked to be active in two shows!

Still there's quite a group who do belong to us. As I flip through the cards I see Belle Boone Beard, at Sweet Briar, Paul D. Williams, in Richmond, Mrs. Sarah Boyle, at the University, Mr. Carroll Brooke, at Satunton, Wilson Brown, in Richmond, Virginius Dabney, Mr. R. P. Daniel at the College in Petersburg, Dr. Day at Randolph-Macon in Ashland, Dr. and Mrs. Ellison at Virginia Union, my cousins Julia Hill and Ruth Hawes, and so on and so on. I hope any of these would gladly put you in touch with others.

We haven't undertaken activities in our own name in Virginia, because we have entrusted action to the Virginia Council group. But it's all in the same cause, and whatever we get done we get dome by individual people.

Here's a report for 1953. Do take up, if some way offers, the business of local interracial discussion groups on the Schools and the Courts; quite the most rewarding job for right now.

Sincerely,

February 12, 1954

Mr. Chester Bowles
c/o The New York Times Magazine
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bowles:

We greatly admired your article, "The Negro -- Progress and Challenge," in the February 7th issue of The New York Times Magazine. It was both a perceptive statement of this country's obligations in the area of race relations and a wise analysis of how we should seek accelerated progress.

We were particularly struck by your recommendations for community action. Since its inception in 1944, the Southern Regional Council has worked in precisely the spirit you suggest. It is made up of members of both races -- religious, professional, labor, and business people in thirteen Southern states -- who are active in the civic life of their communities. Through its membership, the press, and friendly public officials, it has stimulated employment of Negro policemen and firemen, Negro representation on boards and commissions, fairer handling of racial news by the press, impartial standards of police behavior, and equal penalties in the courts. Presently the Council is addressing itself to building an informed and reasonable body of opinion in the region in anticipation of the impending Supreme Court decision on public school segregation.

One of the main techniques which we have used is the community self-survey, carried out in full partnership by white and Negro citizens. Our experience richly supports your view of the effectiveness of this approach.

Believing that you will find the work of the council of special interest, I am taking the liberty of sending separately a few of our publications which have had wide use in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

enc.
"The South of the Future"

February 12, 1954

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
830 Wild Cherry Lane
University City 24, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

March 6 firmly held for further word from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 12, '54

Dear Ted,

No more news from you about the McGill reprint. Weren't you going to let us know how many?

Sincerely,

GSM

February 12, 1954

Dr. Broadus Mitchell
313 West 20th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Broad:

This is what came back from Witte. Could you scribble some further identification on the bottom of Bridgman's letter, and return it to me and I will pursue it further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

Enclosure

February 12, 1954

Mr. Claude U. Broach
St. John's Baptist Church
Hawthorne Lane
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Broach:

Iwas in Charlotte a few days ago and somebody - I think perhaps the Clarksons - praised you and your Church's work greatly.

I send you some things by and about the Southern Regional Council.

We would like to have some relationship with you and your work and hope that perhaps you would become a member of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh
Enclosures

February 12, 1954

Mr. Martin Kruskopf, Associate Editor
The Birmingham News
Birmingham 2, Alabama

Dear Mr. Kruskopf:

Herewith with pleasure a copy of the January issue of NEW SOUTH which contains the two items on libraries.

It would be a wise and proper thing if Birmingham would make arrangements to open the downtown library.

Morris Abram is a man that can go anywhere he puts his mind to. I think one of the very ablest men in the South today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

February 13, 1954

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
Managing Editor
Birmingham World
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Several recent news stories and editorials in the Birmingham World have given the total number of Southern cities employing Negro police as "eighty-eight."

Our records here in the SRC office show the following totals in Negro police employment in the South:

Towns employing -- 121
Counties employing - - 20

Total uniformed policemen - - 554
Total plainclothesmen -- 89
Total policewomen - - 102

Acomplete list is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl

Febrary 15, 1954

Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Librarian
New Orleans Public Library
1031 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, 13, La.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for your interest in our report on Southern libraries.

The Southern Regional Council is a non-profit organization and cannot, unfortunately, distribute more than a limited amount of material free of charge. Back copies of NEW SOUTH are available at ten cents each; we will be very glad to fill your order for the library issue at this rate.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 15, 1954

Mr. Cary Robertson
Louisville Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to send you the enclosed information on Negro school board members in the South.

In addition to the towns listed in the memo, we have heard that Knoxville, Tenn., San Antonio, Tex. and Little Rock, Ark. have--or have had--Negro school board members. Also, that Memphis, Tenn. and Salisbury, N. C. possibly have Negro board members. We have no information on any of these towns.

Within the next few days I plan to check further on these doubtful towns and to see if I can find some more Negro board members--particularly in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. I will forward any information picked up on to you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl

February 16, '54

Dear T.

Have been a'riding 'round, so am late answering hon. let.

Only comparable thing I know of is a two weeks summer-time day camp, operated by Fellowship House, in Knoxville, Tenn. F.H. is Unitarian-connected, interracial, polite, but determined. The camp is not a camp, but is in a house, usually one with spacious grounds, smack in Knoxville. Kids, about 50. Ethnological distribution, about 50-50. Kids 5 to 9 or perhaps 11. Mixed staff. Games, handicrafts, a little teaching. They put a brief notice in the paper each time, a few days before camp is to begin, otherwise shun publicity. All goes pleasantly, and nobody has bothern 'em at all. I gleaned these facts from a 'phone call to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henry, the Unit. pastor and wife, address RFD 10, Little Switzerland Road, Knoxville, Tenn., home 'phone7-4735, Church 'phone 2 -1066. Good eggs, the pair of them. The day camp has operated three summers.

About four years ago some group did have an interracial camp in a North Florida public, State operated camp, but I have forgotten details. Think it was labor-related, and think it had some difficulty.

As to law, consult Paoli Murray's State Laws, etc., but whatever a Church does these Southern laws and "laws" are mighty apt to leave alone. Too many Baptists around in the woods, protecting separation of Church and State.

Lillian Smith, at Clayton, Georgia, knows more about teaching human relations to bi-racial kid-groups than anybody I know. Worth a letter to her. 'Spect she's a Methodis'.

I would be all for getting the facilities built so that they can all be one, as soon they will be. I marvel at the brazen courgge of the people who thirty years ago built the Negro YMCA in this city, and had carved into stone, no less, the words Negro YMCA.

Best to all, and Miss Mdlle especially,

Sage M.

Same or similar letter to
Mrs. Crate, Houston
Byrn Breckenridge, Dallas
Father Joseph Walsh, El Paso
Olantt Sanders, Austin

W H Bass, Little Rock
Mrs Cernoria Johnson. Okla City
Margaret McCulloch, Memphis

February 17, 1954

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We are currently trying to compile a complete list of Negro members of community school boards throughout the South.

Our information on Texas' progress in this area is quite limited and we would appreciate any help you can give us--names of towns having elected or appointed Negro school board representatives and if possible, names of the board members, date service began, length of term, etc.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Same letter to Negro school agent:
Oklahoma
N.C.
Tennessee

February 18, 1954

Mr. C. A. Hicks
Supervisor, Negro Education
State Dept. of Education
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Hicks:

The Southern Regional Council is currently attempting to compile a complete list of Negro members of community school boards in the South.

Our information on Arkansas' progress in this areais quite limited, and we would appreciate any help you can give us — names of towns having elected or appointed Negro school board members, the names of the board members and date service began, length of term, if possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 18, 1954

Mrs. Hagood Bostick, Librarian
Richland County Public Library
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Bostick:

We are very glad to learn that Negroes have unrestricted use of the Richland County Public Library's facilities.

Since publication of the survey several other libraries not listed have written that they offer service to Negroes in their main building. We will probably run a list of these in a later NEW SOUTH, with Columbia included this time.

A questionnaire was sent to your library but was not returned.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

February 19, '54

Dear Miss Chandler,

I've got a couple of High School daughters myself, and they have themes to write, and I know perfectly well that the things have to be done about ten days after the assignment is given, and good Mr. McGill only sent me your letter two weeks and more after you had written him. But anyway I send you some useful items, and they may come in handily for next time.

I belong in Richmond, and stop at Dinwiddie Court House every time I go up that way.

You might propose to your parents that one of them arrange to take you on a visit to Mr. Arthur H. Mitchell, the former Congressman, who lives right there at Roseanna Gardens, on No. 1 Highway. He is widely informed, and a thoughtful and helpful and gentlemanly person. No better way to get a good theme written than to talk with him, and get his ideas.

Best luck,

George S. Mitchell

Technically, you should send us about 30 cents for the pamphlets, but if thirty cents doesn't lie around never mind!

White copy

February 19, '54

Dear Mildred,

All kinds of thanks.

A couple of Lynchburg College students named Wm. Bowles and Betty May Kovacs got steamed up over trying to get the Lynchburg library situation improved, and would be your allies.

Not even a Negro branch?

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All going well hereabouts. My warmest regards to you and to your Mother, and up and down hon. Norfolk Avenue.

Sincerely,

GSM

White

February 19, '54

Dear Mr. Barrett,

Late April's promised, and so is June 6-10; otherwise from about March 1 I'm free, and would be mighty glad to be with any UAW group.

They'd have to find my travel expenses, and I like to get about five new members out of each trip, but that's the total tax! Members are three dollars apiece.

UAW gives SRC a thousand dollars a year, and I am their firm friend anyhow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

I remember the Spring Hill occasion with much pleasure.

February 19, '54

Dear Folks,

I am so sorry I didn't know that you were there in Oscar Lee's office. We are really good friends, and should have had a visit. Better luck next time.

My children are still recalling the man that beat everybody in sight at Ping Pong!

Cordially,

GSM

White

February 19, '54

Dear Emmett,

Thanks for let. All is in order. We have been pressed for space and dough, but we are running the first half of your article in the forthcoming February issue of New South, and the last half we suppose in March. We all like it. Harold Fleming will wielf the editorial pen, but I doubt that he will do it sweepingly.

I still want us to get together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

White Copy

February 19, '54

Dear Mrs. Wells,

I am all gratitude for the two pleasant days at Lynchburg College, and for the generous check that gave me the trip free. They were mighty nice students, sublimely confident that just education (like the College's) will do all that's needed. I tried to shake them on that!

My thanks to your President, and to other kind friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

February 19, 1954

Business Office,
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Gentlemen:

I am writing in regard to your purchase order number 14974 for 14 copies of our pamphlet, YOUR COMMUNITY LOOKS AT ITSELF.

It has been our policy formerly to allow a discount of 20% to colleges who order our pamphlets for use by their students. This was always true when college bookstores bought them for resale. However, when we had recently to have another printing made of these manuals, we found the increase in cost of printing so great that we were faced with either raising the price of the pamphlets or eliminating the discount.

In order not to penalize the single copy buyer who pays the fifty cents plus five cents postage, we decided to eliminate the discounts and thus help make up the extra cost.

I am sorry to have to send this word. We hope that it will not add to your costs too much.

Thank you for your order and for your past patronage.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks

February 19, 1954

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer
c/o Mr. Emerson Smith
Room 202, 109 East Grace St.,
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kramer:

Dr. Mitchell has asked that I write to you regarding the pamphlets which we are sending to you today.

We are shipping to you at the above address 300 copies of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet and 100 copies of the CHECKLIST. While we realize the value of distributing these pamphlets, we do not see how we can give them away generally. What we had in mind was that, if it were possible, copies might be given to "key" people for their use and that they would then buy others - lots of 6 or 10 or 25 or whatever, for use in their local groups. If it would seem embarassing to some of your people to have to ask for payment, then we would not press the matter, but whatever you can get along the way will help to defray the cost of material. Our policy has been to sell the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS one at 15¢ per single copy, 12¢ per copy in lots of 25-100 and 10¢ per copy in lost of 100 or more. The CHECKLIST one is 10¢ per single copy or up to 100 and 8¢ per copy in lots of more than 100. If there should be any copies left when you have finished your travel, will you please send them back to us and we will reimburse you for the cost of shipment.

We most certainly do not want to burden you with collecting money in addition to everything else, but we will be grateful for whatever you can send us.

Please let me know if I can be of help in any way.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks

February 19, '54

Dear Brooks,

Many thanks for your letter.

I've been 'phoning and writing usefully with A. C. Miller, who bought 250 of our Q and A pamphlet, and has done other helpful things.

Various parts of a proper program:

1. The time has come for each Southern community with any substantial Negro population to appoint or elect an able, courageous, representative Negro person to the local school board. That's the price for getting through the next few years pleasantly, and it's a price that Southern communities can pay graciously. If the word gets down through Church circles that this is the next step, it will be done. Quietly done. Richmond, Lynchburg, Newport News, Roanoke, Raleigh, Darlington County, S.C., Atlanta, Augusta, Knoxville, San Antonio, and I believe Little Rock have done this, recently, and it works. You know how it will do the things that need to be done, and I needn't elaborate. I called Miller, some weeks ago, and urged him to go to owrk to this end, and he wasinterested. Not a matter to go into print about, a matter best done if done by word of mouth. But it needs doing. And the appointments or selections made now will be worth more than those made after the decision.

2. There'S the positive problem of getting parents of a min to tell their children to be nice to those little children of the other group. That goes for both groups. Best done, indeed only done, if such a parental attitude becomes a part of religious conscience. Again a job for the churches to do quietly, but pervasively. I've written Miller about this, and he has replied helpfully. Incidentally I've passed both these notion on to the right people of each major Denomination having strength in the South.

3. There should be small, local, often bi-racial discussiion groups, about the Schools and the Courts. The first little knot of people in each town that meet and learn the issues, and then the facts, will make up some kind of plan, and the chances are goodthat their plan will carry through. I've done what feeble bit I could toward

getting such groups started. The two pamphlets we did are tailor-made for this job. The National Council of Churches has been giving us an occasional leg-man to go out and stir local people into tiny meetings of this kind, with quite significant results. You are a busy man, but I think you'll find time to read a whole lot of the attached report on the first use of that method. Most people I have shown it to have sat right domm and read the whole thing. If the S. B. Convention would use its own great strength to get that sort of thing going , on its own, in town after town, areas by area, the job wouldbe half done. I really think this is the main task. My 'Pisky friends call it "operation log across the creek", and are trying hard to work it out on a goodish scale.

Those three jobs would keep everybody busy!

Best to you all, Brooks,

Sincerely,

G.

White c

Feb 20, '54

Dear Mr. Bowles,

A friend in L'b'g named Miss Mildred Johnson, 252 Norfolk Avenue (sec I think of the RMWC alum. assn) sent me the editorial from the morning paper of Friday, Feb 12, '54, which is the one you want. She also said the Jones Library is endowed for white use, and the city has never put any money into a public library, so is not legally under obligation to provide service for Negroes.

I heard tales from others in the city about the oddities of Mrs. Jones in the endowment of the Library: pink books with other pink-covered books, and green with green, and big with big, etc. !

Looks like you would have to get the Board to open up, on its own. Which would be the greatest and best triumph. Could be done. Work at it through church connexions.

Best,

George S. Mitchell

February 23, 1954

Mr. Earl M. Lewis
Prairie View A & M College
Prairie View, Tex.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

We would be very happy to have you as an SRC member.

The yellow leaflet enclosed has a membership blank on the back which you may fill in and return to us. A subscription to our monthly publication NEW SOUTH comes with regular, joint (husband-wife) or sustaining membership.

The Texas Commission on Race Relations, headed by Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Tex. is affiliated with our organization, but must be joined independently.

I am glad the information on Negro office-holding was what you wanted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Daves file

February 24, '54

Dear Mrs. Johnson,

Pick your time between March 15 and 20, and I can work it out. I'm due to be going to New York fairly soon, and could stop. But let me know as soon as you can.

If this is too soon, say so, and I'll hope for a trip in May or April.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

PS I like to pick up about five new members, at three dollars apiece, for each such speech-making? Without guaranteeing it, do you think it likely? GSM

February 24, 1954

Rev. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest & Spruce
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

My apologies for the delay in sending the receipt for your membership dues. I wanted to send a note also and have been waiting for the time.

Welcome to the Council. We are delighted that you are "with" us and assure you that we will be ready to furnish information or help whenever you wish it. And I am sure that you will be hearing (if indeed you have not already done so) from Mr. Deer about SRC members and activities in Little Rock.

I am sorry to say that we do not have any more copies of the May, 1953 issue of NEW SOUTH. I failed to note this on the publications list sent to you. I am also sure that I failed to include the copy of "Singers in the Dawn" for which you asked. Am sending it separately.

Best wishes to you in your work both for SRC and the Disciples in Little Rock.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

daily file

Wayne Bowers
Chapel Hill, N.C.

February 25, '54

Dear the Bowers,

I do appreciate all your many kindnesses. I am "faculty", too, and feel at once really at home in another faculty home.

Slightly strange, that meeting, but will do good for a while to come. I tgot many people to thinking about the matter as a serious and immanent one, who hadn't before.

Thank you both, a lot,

Sincerely,

GSM

Levin file

Weaver

February 25, '54

Dear Galen,

Oscarm Lee just called with the great news that you will be able to travel and promote discussion groups a la Vestine March 24-31.

Area. Take your pick of either South Central North Carolina (where you could center on Elon College and its contacts) or South Florida. If neither suited, I could offer Western Arkansas. The North Carolina area may well be best, but Florida's all right, too. Let us know for sure, and we will send to you, either in New York or at Southern destination two or three hundred copies of the pamphlets, which are stock in trade for the enterprise.

I am all gratitude, too, for the fine way you have been writing to your people. Such cooperation is sweet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

February 25, 1954

Dr. Ellen Winston,
Comissioner
North Carolina State Board of
Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Winston:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 18th concerning the Council's license to solicit funds in North Carolina.

We do not now anticipate any campaign for funds in North Carolina during 1954. However, if such solicitation should be undertaken I will write you for an application for license and be sure it is granted before any work is done.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Daily file
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February 26, '54

Dear Henry,

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Daily file

February 26, '54

Mr. H. J. Collins
Geneva, Alabama

Dear Mr. Collins,

That was most courteous of you to write about the visit from Dr. Parrish.

We wanted him to get people to thinking ahead on the whole matter. And we share your confidence that people in these States can work it out smoothly and in agreement.

Meanwhile, if we can be helpful in any way, we wish to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Pres. Arthur Gray
Talladega College

February 26, '54

Dear Mr. Gray,

Last autumn, at the Mobile meeting of the Alabama NAACP, your Miss Barbara Gardner gave a talk which everyone greatly liked. I asked permission to print it, and she very kindly did some minor editing, and sent it over. I send on some copies to you, as making a pleasant Talladega College product!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Daily file

February 26, '54

Dear Mr. Hawkes,

Nice of you to send in dues. We appreciate it.

I was in Rock Hill one day earlier this week, and met with the local group from the SRC. Many there were your friends, and several spoke warmly of you, and of missing you in the city. I am happy to say that there is some stirring of the idea of the survey, again, and perhaps with a gradual start it can at last get going.

Once upon a time a farmer in North Carolina gave me a piece of wisdom that has helped in many situations. He said his daddy had been a blacksmith, and had taught him "nothing won't weld on the first heat. Hot it up one time, and cool it off. Hot it up the second time, hammer it together, and it'll stick"!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Daily file

February 26, '54

Hunton.
Cath. Interracial Corr.

Dear George:

The Councils are still new hereabouts, and though I have some direct experience of Washington and Rock Hill, and of similar things in New Orleans, I really haven't a lot to go on in the South. But I know the method, and think it exactly the best one. Here's a screed:

> The transition from dreaming about interracial cooperation and getting it begins with meetings. People who already feel a link, across the lines of race, will find many ways to work usefully together. From my own participations in Catholic Interracial Councils I have found them proceeding naturally and smoothly into ever-widening fields of helpfulness. The South greatly needs more examples of this kind: 'tis a queer thing, but even a little calm, everyday doing things together makes a spreading habit. This is how to launch the new society which will deserve the name of religious.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

daily file

February 26, '54

Mr. Ruby Hurley
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hurley,

I send you separately some copies of the February issue of New South, which has in it the talk Miss Barbara Gardner gave at the Alabama Conference of the NAACP. We all thought it a fine talk, and were glad she would agree to have it printed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

February 26, '54

Dear Mr. Picott,

No more news from you about Q and A and Checklist.

What do you think?

These are the best weeks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

In Ashby file

February 26, '54

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Nice of you to be helpful to Mr. Parris, who spoke appreciatively of finding friendliness and information. He has had a heavy schedule, and not very much to lift his spirits. But I am quite sure his trip will turn a lot of people's thinking to the matter, and will make a significant contribution to the growth of open-mindedness in the State.

And nice, too, to have the announcement of your new plant, which I am egger to see.

My warm regards to Mrs. Thomas, who has befriended me over the telephone and otherwise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 1, 1954

Mr. Robert L. Carter
Assistant Special Counsel, NAACP
20 W. 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Carter:

The enclosed article, "Segregation and Public Recreation" by Robert B. McKay of the New York University School of Law, is being sent to you for your information.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Information Assistant

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March 1, 1954

Dr. Lytt I. Gardner
Dept. of Pediatrics
Syracuse Memorial Hospital
Syracuse 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gardner:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your letter inquring about our recent survey dealing with the adaptation of the South to industry and medical education and care in the South.

We have not actually made a "survey" of the adaptation of the South to industry, but Dr. Mitchell has made several speeches recently on this topic which have been reported as a "survey" in the press. I am sending separately an issue of VITAL SPEECHES that reprints his "Rules of the Industrial South."

Available SRC data on medical education and care is ~~outdated; but~~ I am sending the two pamphlets we have on hand anyway. The several articles published since are no longer in stock. The following might be of interest, if you have not already seen them:

> NEGROES IN MEDICINE. Published by National Medical Fellowships, 951 East 58th St., Chicago 37, Ill. 1953 (Pamphlet)
>
> THE UNTOUCHABLES: The Meaning of Segregation in Hospitals. Southern Conference Educational Fund, 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, 12, La. 1952 (Pamphlet)
>
> "Florida Spends $2,000,000 for Inter-Racial Hospital," HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT, May, 1951.

I can refer you to some earlier surveys of Hospital facilities and training available to Negroes, if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 2, 1954

Mr. David S. Freeman
Fund for the Republic
655 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Here is a copy of Lambert Davis' letter of February 26 clearing all matters of copyright on the proposed SRC version of the Ashmore report.

We are hopeful that this letter can release the grant to SRC for the job.

Mr. Fleming is already well into the writing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA PRESS

Chapel Hill, N. C.

February 26, 1954

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council,
710 Standard Bldg.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Confirming our telephone conversation, I am very happy to give permission to the Southern Regional Council to do a pamphlet based upon Harry Ashmore's THE NEGRO AND THE SCHOOLS which is to be published by The University of North Carolina Press. It is my understanding that you have already received permission to do this from Mr. Philip Coombs representing the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

The conditions we make are that your pamphlet contain a full statement of the source of the material, and give prominence to information as to the publisher and price of our volume. Also, your pamphlet should not be released until after book publication. We hope within another week to be able to give you a definite retail price on our volume, and at the same time we hope to be able to confirm the present tentative publication date of May 15.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Lambert Davis
Director

ld/lm
cc: Mr. Philip Coombs

March 3, 1954

Dr. R. B. Atwood, President
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Dr. Atwood:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to search for material you might use in a panel on "The Gospel and Social Legislation."

I am sorry to report very little success in locating anything directly bearing on the churches and social legislation. The following books and articles related to Protestant and Catholic social policy and programs might be helpful in terms of general background:

Cronin, J. F., CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION. Bruce, 1948. Also CATHOLIC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES by Cronin, published in 1951 or 1952.

Landis, J. T., "Social Action in American Protestant Churches," AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY, v. 52 (May, 1947), 517-522

Marciniak, E. A., "Catholics and Social Reform," COMMONWEAL, V. 58 (Sept. 11, 1953), 557-560

May, H. F., PROTESTANT CHURCHES AND INDUSTRIAL AMERICA. Harper, 1949

Pope, Liston, "Religion as a Social Force in America," SOCIAL ACTION (May, 1953), 2-15

"Protestant Social Policy." Series of three articles in the NATION, 1953. First by F. E. Johnson, v. 177 (July 25, 1953), 66-68; second by Victor Obenhaus, v. 177 (August 1, 1953), 91-93; third by Malcolm Evans, v. 177 (August 8, 1953),

Ryan, Stephen P., "Church and the New South," CATHOLIC WORLD, v. 177 (Sept., 1953), 416-422 (Describing origin and functions of Catholic Committee of the South)

If you have not already done so, I suggest that you write to both the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. and theNational Catholic Welfare Conference, located at 1312 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington 5, D. C.

The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C. (Howard Kester, Executive Secretary) might have something in print, also the Catholic Committee of the South, Box 895, Rock Hill, S C.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 4, 1954

Miss Patsy Mills
1300 57th St. Place
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Miss Mills:

I have mailed several pamphlets related to Negro job opportunities, housing and education in the South to you separately. The enclosed tables will also help you compare white and Negro school and housing facilities in the different Southern states.

I would say the South is *beginning* to provide for the development of its Negro population, rather that the South *is providing*. The three areas you have selected are vital ones and in no one does the Southern Negro have the same opportunities and advantages as the Southern white.

The only study we have available of Negro job opportunities covers municipal employment. Recent studies of the employment pattern in North Carolina, published by the Committee of the South of the National Planning Association, show that there has been practically no change in the job opportunities for Negroes in that area in fifteen years. Negro income has increased throughout the South--as you will see from one of the pamphlets I sent--but the rise in income has been related to increasing wages in areas of employment where Negroes have been traditionally hired (largely unskilled labor), rather than the opening of new opportunities.

The attached figures on expenditures for white and Negro school children are the latest available from the U. S. Office of Education. Since 1950 there has been greater effort on the part of the Southern states to "equalise" Negro school buildings, teachers' salaries. The gap, however, is still quite wide and "separate-but-equal" schools for Negroes are a long way from being realised.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for materials -- Pamphlets $.55 Postage $.04 Stamps acceptable

March 4, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Fatherley, Jr.
9 Point O'Woods South
Darien, Conn.

Dear Mr. Fatherley:

I am sending separately about a half dozen pamphlets which cover various aspects of the school-segregation question.

You are, of course, asking the same questions we are all asking. Briefly:

1) The white population--like the Negro population--does not have a single position on on segregated education. Many of the white people fear what they have not known in their lifetime--association with Negores on an equal basis, and they see a Supreme Court decision threatening to upset a pattern of life that has been very satisfactory from their point of view. What I would call a "growing minority" have come to realize--some reluctantly--that the present segregated set-up is not fair or just and will never be. Among the "growing minority," some want segregation done away with immediately--others face the doing away with segregation in the schools and other areas of public life as the only realistic solution for equality of opportunity, but would like it to be done gradually, when we are"betterprepared"to accept this solution.

   Our situation in Atlanta is further complicated by a recent constitutional amendment passed in the Georgia legislature last November. The provision gives the legislature the power to do away with the public school system if the Supreme Court rules in favor of non-segregated education. This amendment will be voted on by the state of Georgia next November. Our governor, as you no doubt have read, is committed to a policy of segregated schools or no schools. If the governor and the legislature "win" the amendment issue next fall they will have rather dubious authority from the people of Georgia to maintain segregated schools at all costs. The question is thus not one of segregated or non-segregated schools, but of maintaining or not maintaining the public school system. Many people who would not advocate doing away with segregated schools are opposed to junking the public school system.

2) See two articles by Benjamin E. Mays, "Why an Atlanta School Suit" and "We are Unnecessarily Excited" (Among material sent separately)

3) Yes, segregated education is detrimental to better relations between Negro and white students. In fact, one could say with 99% accuracy that it eliminates relations between white and Negro students from the first through twelth grades. There are very few joint activities in the South which both white and Negro students participate. Sports, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers, student government associations--all those activities which bring students from different schools together on a state-wide or region-wide basis are set up on a separate basis. It is very rare for Negro and white schools to compete in the same contests, even such contests as spelling bees and essay contests, unless these are nationally sponsored.

4) I personally am in favor, and the Southern Regional Council favors, as a matter of policy, the abolition of segregation in the schools. We believe that the election or appointment of Negro school board members (depending on how they are selected by the community) will make the process of adjustment to non-segregated schools easier. The prevelant pattern in the South at present is all-white school boards governing both white and Negro schools. Atlanta, incidentally, has one Negro school board member at present. (See editorial in material sent separately)

It is also important for school teachers, both Negro and white, to be better protected by tenure laws, so that any cuts in teaching staff that are made in the transition will be handled according to a fair standard, with machinery for adjusting cases of unfair treatment.

There will also need to be a clear, firm policy on the part of the school boards as to the steps that will be taken in eliminating segregation. Teachers and principals will have to be oriented to this policy. Certain curriculum changes should also be made in the transition--at present the white schools include little or no material related to the Negro, his role in American history; more emphasis should be placed on human relations education than is being done at present.

I hope our material will be useful.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for material sent:

Pamphlets	$.65
Postage	.05
	.70

Stamps acceptable

Carey Robertson
Louisville Courier Journal

March 4, '54

Dear Cary,

We wrote out to Tex and Ark for some more dope on N's on school boards.

Arkansas (report from Chas. Hicks, State Spvsr of N. edctn)
In fourteen counties one or more local school boards has some (or all) Negro members. There are all Negro school districts with all Negro school boards for

Arkansas County District of Arkansas County
Walker District of Columbia County
East Side District of Conway County
Howard County Training District of Howard County
Childress District of Howard County
Gray Rock District of Logan County
Miller County District of Miller County
Oak Grove District of Nevada County
William Center District of Ouachita County
County District of Phillips County
County District of Sevier County

Additionally

Grant County has one Negro board member name not known
Hempstead County has two
St. Francis County has two

And Jefferson County has four named Negro board members who would appear to be over an all-Negro district, but that is uncertain from the list supplied.

We did a rough map. It conforms generally to the areas of heavy Negro population, but there seem to be few or none in Northeastern Ark, which is Delta county with a heavish N. population.

I don't know what an all-Negro district is; suppose it a device. You might be able by a phone call to clarify. The Boards over all Negro districts seem to have about 5 members apiece.

Texas:

Carey Robertson

A sympathetic and informed grduate student at UT supplies us through a friend with these findings:

Believed to be a dozen or more common (rural) school districts in East Texas which have all-Negro Boards of Trustees. These are said to be districts in which the Negro populationis 90% or more of the local population.

No town or city school Boards (called Independent School Boards) have and Negro members, nor have any of the County Boards of Education.

The one exception of the San Antonio, Tex. Junion College board, which has one elected Negro member. 'Tis exclusively a municipal junior college.

The trend toward consolidated districts will lessen rather than increase the number of practically-all-Negro local school governing bodies.

But there is a growing number of Negro candidates offering for election (not yet successfully) to the Independent School District Boards (which are elected at large), especially in the larger cities and towns of Texas.

There is increasing use of Negro citizens on appointive school advisory committees of various kinds.

North Carolina

Add new places. In 1935 Dr. W. J. Trent, President of Livingston College, Salisbury, N.C., was appointed to the Salisbury Board of Education.

In 1955 Mr. F. J. Carnage, a Negro attorney in Raleigh, was appointed to the Raleigh Board of Education.

Sincerely,

GSM

White copy

March 4, '54

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
N. Y. 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Freeman,

Thus mimeod for your convenience. I'll send twenty more copies along by regular mail.

We figure the Williamsburg Meeting will cost about 7,000. Proper budget soon. Meanwhile it would help if you would be considering whether, and if so how, a preliminary two thousand of it could be made available for pre-meeting travel. We agree that it would be best to talk with the principal invitees personally ahead of time; and there is the matter of getting the central planning group together.

We do hope this budget herewith will find approval.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 5, '54

Mrs. Iola Jones
Florence, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Jones,

I saw in Mrs. Maise's bulletin of March 1 that you will be holding here in Atlanta April 23 and 24 a Conference for this Region of the NCNW.

I don't know what in particular we can do to be helpful, but we offer a welcome, and would like you to know that you and your members will have cordial interest here in your work. We are warmly appreciative of the way in which in the past the NCNW has helped with widespread educational programs; it is just such agencies that reach to real local opinion that we think can be most valuable in the change of mind that the South is struggling to achieve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 5, '54

Dear Mrs. Maise,

Here's a letter I sent (through you for forwarding) to Mrs. Jones in Florence.

So glad you are coming to the Carolinas for the organizing trip. I thought I would list for you a few people in the various cities, being white people, who would be friendly. I don't know that you would make any use of these contacts, but there they are. It would be most friendly if you could call them at some stage during your visit. Alternatively, if you would like for them to be in touch with you you could let me know where you could be reached in each place. But the simple thing is for you to know of these friendly persons, and ask their help and cooperation if that should seem in any place useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Raleigh:
    Mrs. Christopher Crittenden
        Caswell Dr
Durham
    Mrs. Jas. S. Heizer
        Lakewood Ave
Fayetteville
    Nobody in my head, but somebody doubtless in the files!
Winston-Salem
    Mrs. Melville Prongay, Lockland Ave
Ashville
    George Stevens, Stevens Press
Charlotte
    Mrs. Clarkson (the Judge's wife)
Greensboro
    Mrs. C. Van Noppen White
Spartanburg
    Not in my head!

Florence,
    Mrs. Ragsdale, widow of Congmn
Beaufort
    Mrs. Courteney Siceloff
        Frogmore (notable)
Columbia
    Alice Spearman
Sumter
    Miss Rebecca Reid
Cheraw
    Not in my head!

March 8, 1954

Mr. Larry McCollough
705 S. Main St.
Wake Forest, N. C.

Dear Mr. McCollough:

I have sent separately a copy of our self-survey manual YOUR COMMUNITY LOOKS AT ITLSEF and two reports of the Greenville, S. C. self-survey conducted in 1949.

The Southern Regional Council encourages the community self-survey as one of the best devices for stimulating community-wide interest in local problems. Our manual is available to interested persons and groups at fifty cents per copy and arrangements for technical assistance from the Council can be made where such assistance is not available from community or state university personnel.

We will be glad to give you more information about the self-survey.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research & Survey Assistant

Charge for materials sent

Pamphlets	$.60
Postage	.08
	$.68

Stamps acceptable

March 8, '54

Dear Mr. Berthiaume,

All staright about my being in Rock Hill for Local 710 at six o'clock in the afternoon of March 27, Saturday. Porter's Grill. I expect I'll be driving over, without very clear ideas of when I get it except that I'll definately be at Porter's Grill a few minutes before six. Maybe Father Maurice will give me a bed that night, or I would gladly stay with anyone among your friends who would put me up. I expect I'll be heading toward Atlanta next day.

I've forgotten what we said the cost would be, but somewhere abound ~~sx~~ thirty-five dollars for the trip, I expect.

Look forward to being with your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Have me a blackboard, please.'

March 8, 1954

Miss Mary K. Patten
Box 6581 College Station
Durham, N. C.

Dear Miss Patten:

Unfortunately most of our information in the field of health is outdated. I mailed to you separately, however, a pamphlet written in 1948 which summarizes the health situation in the South at that time.

I would suggest that you consult the following sources:

Southern Conference Educational Fund, 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, La. SCEF published a pamphlet in 1952 entitled "The Untouchables: The Meaning of Segregation in Hospitals." The pamphlet summarized a survey of hospital practices in the South regarding Negroes; they possibly have other material available from this survey.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 20 W. 40th St., New York 18, N. Y. I am familiar with two NAACP pamphlets related to Negro medical care: "Progress and Portents for the Negro in Medicine" by W. Montague Cobb, 1948 and "Medical Care and the Plight of the Negro" by the same author, 1947. Both pamphlets sell at 25 cents.

JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION, Yearbook No. 18 (Summer, 1949), "Health Status and Health Education of Negroes in the United States." Back issues of the JOURNAL are available from Howard University, Washington DC at $2.50, though there is no doubt a copy in your library.

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C. Progress Report No. RS-5, issued by the Station, April, 1945 is a survey of "Negro Hospital and Medical Care Facilities in North Carolina" by Selz C. Mayo.

NEGRO YEARBOOK, 1952, published by Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Chapter 13 "Health and Medical Facilities."

Pringle, Henry F. and Katherine, "The Color Line in Medicine," SATURDAY EVENING POST, January 24, 1948.

"Health, Hospitals and the Negro," MODERN HOSPITAL, August, 1945.

You owe us $.13 for the pamphlet and postage.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 9, '54

Mr. Percy H. Baker
AFSC
20 South 12th St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Percy Baker,

The community which Ruth Morton would have mentioned is I suppose Clinton, Tennessee, described briefly on pp. 12 and 13 of Questions and Answers.

Here's a map of areas of the South with less than 5% Negro population. In any of these areas, but particularly in the Southern Appallachian region, getting rid of segregation would be comparatively easy, once the county boards of education were set free by the Supreme Court of State Constitutional requirements of segregation, and once each county were confronted with strict enforcement of separate but equal as against desgregation. It is to be remembered that a hundred years ago, in the mountains, men had a great question of conscience, and did not what their States asked them to do, pull out, but stuck, and opposed both slavery and disunion. Proper watering of the roots of that old tradition would help the mountainy people in these days to do what is right, against what is argued for by their State governments. And experience with work camps would certainly help.

Eastern Kentuck's easy, so's East Tennessee, or extreme Western N.C., or Southwest Virginia, or even Northernmost Georgia. Or the Ozarks.

More details if you need them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

March 9, '54

Dear Mr. Reddick,

There's a nice young guy in town named Joseph Fiszman. Lives at 855 Penn Street, N.E., where his phone is Vernon 5279. He's secretary of the Workmen's Circle, which is an ancient Jewish society, with friendly benefit and educational features, and with some ideological links with the social democratic movement. To my surprise they have over 200 membersin Atlanta, though, says Fiszman, the younger generation isdaly different in its views from the once-immigrant group which makes up the budy of the movement.

Fiszman has few links outside his own professional group, and would like to broaden his acquaintance. I've put him in touch with Scala, and Scala said he should know you, and I agree. If you would be good enough to give him a call, and offer some occasion when the tow of you could meet, I think it would be a proper kindness, and to everyone'" mutual benefit.

Married to pleasant wife, who works for one of the Jewish charitable agencies. F. has had odd experiences: Warsaw born, escaped through Japan, interpreted for the United Nations and I belive the U. S. Army, Japanesse and Chinese into English. German, French, Italian a bit, Polish, Japanese, Chinese, Yiddish, and now learns Gawgia.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell

March 9, 1954

Mr. Harry Bussey, Jr.
3129 SW 67th Ave.
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Bussey:

The enclosed article "A New Trend in Private Colleges" is the only SRC publication available which bears directly on your subject "Elimination of Segregation in Southern Universities." The accompanying mimeographed list includes those private and public institutions of higher learning in Southern and border states which are open to Negroes now, but have not been open traditionally.

In addition to the references suggested in the typewritten bibliography, two other items should be helpful:

> NEGRO YEARBOOK, 1952. Published by Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Mrs. Jessie Guzman, Editor. Chapter on Education gives first Negro students to enter formerly white Southern colleges, fields of study open and date Negro students were admitted, through 1951.
>
> Marshall, J. W. "The Dilemma of Southern Youth," JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION, v. 22 (Spring, 1953). Experiences of Wayland College, Plainview, Tex.

We would appreciate your sending ten cents for the issue of NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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march
~~May~~ 9, '54

Dear Mrs. J. B. Crate,

How did you come out on the proposal to do some Vastine-type work in your State?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Wright

March 9, '54

Dear Marion,

We find not here the Tryon MS., and misdoubt that you left it as you intended. If you have a copy do send it to us. My guess is that we should run it in New South, editing out some paragraphs that echo a New Era in Human Relations. The Churchman is the organ of the most-to-the-left wing of the Episcopal Church, is rather thinly read, is outspokenly anti-Catholic, and does little to bring down the blessings of the Church-as-is.

I like the idea of getting student help from Guilford or Haverford on the Commission business. Ira deA. Reid at Haverford, or Edward F. Burroughs, at Guilford. Each is Prof. of Sociology. B. wrote a thesis on old Interracial Commission. OK to offer some emoluments out of the all-capacious 4000. Do you write, and try to arrange.

Travel a la Vastine appeals to many. I may be able to work out a deal with the Fund for Adult Education, to train and send out some students. Will push.

On addresses in New South (of officers) I run into space complications, but will have in mind for glorious future of enlarged maggie.

The F for R people spent this last Monday morning on our budget, and called us and asked for Morris Abram and GSM to meet them in Phila. this coming Thursday, which will be done. They want to trim out another forty thousand dollars, which I do not think is trimmable. Talk about cutting State people to five thousand, and reducing all States to three years. Don't begrudge Central office money. I think they will listen to argument that they want a job done, and are in good shape with SRC's best intents to do it for the 575; and would be in poor shape to get job done if they cut the State program to the unworkably poor and short. Hard business: hold out for what's right, or take enough to get well started?

They want, and we plan for, a small planning conference early May, w and N., at Williamsburg (where the Lodge now behaves itself). We would plan things for us and for various foundations and outfits to try to get done, quicko and within five years. Dent, Clement, Abram, Prtichard, Grace Hamilton, etc. - the workaday guys.

I appreciate your kind words, but slips twixt cup and lip. Tis now touch and go, anyway.

The Miami man sent word through his emissary Seymour Samet paid guy for AJC stationed in Miami (who was here last week) that he the Miami criminologist had a variety of sociological and statistical clouds-in-the-way of our proposal, but I heard them all, and think they will vanish before some honest purpose to get the facts before the right people. Miami man not too well, has allergies, and will be writing you and asking you to come to Miami to see him. But you could write him again; he rather expects to be visited, I think.

I know you and Mrs. W. enjoy greeting the Spring from your peak.

Sincerely,

GSM

March 10, '54

Dear Mr. Dubinsky,

The enclosed copy of the February issue of the Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta contains an article on the clothing industry in the South, which will doubtless be helpful to your research people. I note the authoritative statement on page 4 that the main reason for the trek is low-priced labor.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

I have sent a copy also to the ACWof A.

March 10, '54

Dear George Mohlenhoff,

Pleasure to send you the list. It's pretty well up-to-date.

And the "Vastine Report". We hope that you and Tartt Bell will do something of the Vastine kind, in lightsome cooperation with SRC. We merely try to keep a master map of where people have worked, and we supply the pamphlets, and hope to get in a copy of each traveller's report to his or her own show. So far we've been able with help from the National Council of Churches to work central Ky., North Central N.C., and up-Country S.C.; and we ourselves got Mr. Parrish of Louisville to work Alabama. National Council has also worked for us Southeastern Virginia, and the Methodist Church has promised us five travellers a little later on, and the Appropriate Board of the P.E. Church has endorsed "operation log across the creek", and is seeking funds for some travellers.

I'll be in your town tomorrow at middle-day, at Frank Loescher's home. Call me there if I can do anything further by 'phone. That's Thursday in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 10, '54

Dear Mr. Potofsky,

I daresay your research people can make good use of the enclosed copy of the Monthly Review of the February issue of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, which makes a thus authoritative admission that the clothing industry comes South because of the abundance of low-priced labor. (p. 4)

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

I will send a copy to ILG, too. GSM

March 10, 1954

U. S. National Park Service
Recreation Planning Division
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that you publish annually a summary of state park statistics covering expenditures, acreage, employment of personnel and attendance for each state.

We would like to have the most recent statistics on state parks available from your office, to be used in connection with a current project.

If recent statistics are not available in printed form, we would appreciate your sending us total figures on expenditures, acreage, number of parks and attendance for the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 11, 1954

Miss Becky Harris
85 Wells Hall
Miami University
Oxford, Onio

Dear Miss Harris:

At your mother's request we are sending separately a selection of our recent publications covering various aspects of current race relations in the South.

For further reading, the following items should be helpful:

1. Cash, W. J., MIND OF THE SOUTH. New York: Knopf, 1941. (Difficult, but best treatment of why the South thinks as it does)
2. Guzman, Jessie (ed), NEGRO YEARBOOK, 1952. Tuskegee Institute, Ala.: The Institute, 1952
3. Rowan, Darl T., SOUTH OF FREEDOM. 1951
4. "Southern Negro, 1952," NATION, Sept. 27, 1952. Special issue devoted entirely to the Southern Negro; emphasis on Negro and politics.

I am sure your sociology teacher has already given you a bibliography of such standard works as Gunnar Myrdal's AN AMERICAN DILEMMA (New York: Harper, 1944), and Charles S. Johnson's INTO THE MAINSTREAM (Chapel Hill; University of North Carolina Press, 1947) and PATTERNS OF NEGRO SEGREGATION (New York: Harper, 1943).

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 12, 1954

Miss Geneva R. Jones
National Council of Churches of Christ
Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations
297 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Miss Jones:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you concerning the joint statement on the public schools issued by the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council and the South Carolina Fellowship of Churches.

We do not have a copy in our office, but I have called a South Carolina member who has promised to see that a copy is mailed to your office within the next day or so. She did not have a copy on hand, but knew where to locate one.

I hope the statement will reach you in time for the NEWS SERVICE deadline.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 12, 1954

Dr. Lytt I. Gardner, M
Dept. of Pediatrics
Syracuse Memorial Hospital
Syracuse 10, N. Y.

Dear Gardner:

We do not have a complete bibliography of materials on hospital facilities and training, but I can refer you to the following:

Bousfield, M. O. "An Account of Physicians of Color in the United States," BULLETIN OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, XVII (January, 1945), 61-84

Cobb, W. Montague. "Medical Care and the Plight of the Negro," August, 1947. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 20 W. 40th St., New York 18, N. Y.

_________. "Progress and Portents for the Negro in Medicine." October, 1948. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Galloway, Robert E. and Marion T. Loftin, "Health Practices of Rural Negroes in Bolivar County." (Mississippi State College Agricultural Experiment Station, Sociology and Rural Life Series, No. 3). State College, Miss.: April, 1951.

"Health, Hospitals and the Negro," MODERN HOSPITAL (August, 1945)

HEALTH STATUS AND HEALTH EDUCATION OF NEGROES IN THE U. S, JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION YEARBOOK No. 18 (Summer, 1949). Back copies of the Yearbook are available from Howard University, Washington, D. C. at $2.50 each.

Kingdon, Frank, "Discrimination in Medical Colleges," AMERICAN MERCURY (October, 1945)

Mayo, Selz C. "Negro Hospital and Medical Care Facilities in North Carolina" (North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, Progress Report No. RS-5), Raleigh, N. C.: The Station, State

College, April, 1945.

Pringle, Henry F. and Katharine. "The Color Line in Medicine," SATURDAY EVENING POST (January 24, 1948)

The Atlanta Urban League published "A Report on Hospital Care of the Negro Population of Atlanta, Georgia" in 1947. The League's supply is exhausted, but a copy may possibly have reached your library.

You will be interested in the page summary of practices regarding hospital care for Negroes in South Carolina. As noted at the bottom of the page, the information is up-to-date as of December 1, 1949.

The Hill-Burton hospitals in Georgia have made some difference in existing patterns of hospital care for Negroes. A newspaper feature series on the twenty-two completed hospitals built under the Hill-Burton act appearing in last year's CONSTITUTION (Atlanta) indicated that five have Negro doctors on their staff.

State medical associations in the following Southern states are now oped to Negroes: Alabama, Florida, Kentucky and South Carolina. All state nurses associations except the Georgia association are open to Negro graduate nurses.

I have checked with our NEW SOUTH editor and he says the newspapers do not carry specific addresses for releases such as ours.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 12, '54

Dear Marion,

Morris Abram and I went up to Philadelphia yesterday as per schedule, and spent the hours from 11 till 3.15 with Freeman and Loescher. After much conversation Freeman, in boring into the problem of his monetary control on sum in our custody, came up with the idea of making their first grant not for a one year period but for 18 months, with two intended subsequent grants, each to be for qw months. Thus we achieve a total offer of 31/2 years to each State. The device is that it cares for the inevitably slow start-off of this or that State, and what we have called the lapses can be figures in the first 18 mos. period at the high amount of say 30%. That economy loosens up the whole budget, and I believe that within the amount that appears to be in the mind of the F for R. we can offer a program to each State for 3 1/2 years, with decent salaries, and with provision for five, or even six, associate State secretaries. It will add useful pennies to the central office budget, too. It does make necessary some upping of what the States will have to raise themselves, perhaps to 1500 in the first 18 mos, 3,500 next year, and 6,000 the third year. And they would really have to raiseit; substantial default should I think result in loss of aid from here.

K. Stoney is figuring up new budgets, the gross amounts of which I am to telephone to New York this afternoon, and a revised budget is to go up to them on Monday. Evidently their Board meets in earliest April. Prognostications for getting the grant seem good, but I keep crossed fingers. Freeman gave me a check for 5000, to cover producing and printing and distributing the boil-down pamphlet on the Ashmore report, and the check and its accompanying letters contained the blessed word "and for general administrative expenses", so we are eased in our purely domestic situation! And HCF is well into the MS. of the pamphlet.

We owe a real debt to Morris Abram, whose clear, strong ideas at carefully timed moments were invaluable in getting them to understand our need and the situation hereabouts. Perhaps you would write him (Healey Bldg), Atlanta, and on behalf of SRC thank him for making the trip.

I am calling an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee for Tuesday April 6, "in circumstances which we hope will be happy rather than dismal". Please consult the breeding calendar, and arrange to come, Sir!

Best, G

March 12, '54

Mrs. Becee Leavell
U S Dept of Labor
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Beseell,

Mr. Warnock wrote about Mr. Shaari.

Send him on down. I will be glad to put him on the circuit, and see that during March 24 and 25 he talks to some trade union people, somebody on one of the papers, sees the Negro Colleges and various Negro housing projects, and generally gets a look and a talk at what Atlanta's about.

He should call me when he gets to town, if he will, please.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 12, '54

Dear Mrs. Maise,

Will you come see us when you get to Atlanta?

Sincerely,

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March 15, '54

Dear Lewis,

Do work further on sending out a traveller or two a la Vastine. It's a good scheme, and it works.

Oscar Lee says all he needs is that you and I are working it out, so that he, Lee, won't duplicate.

We'll do anything helpful in the way of supplying pamphlets or names.

The Woman's Division of the Methodist Church has promised the service, paid, of five or six locality travellers, being head officials of the Woman's Societies (Tenn, Ark, Miss).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 15, 1954

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Sherard, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

This I wrote to Mrs. Tillman, as outlining the whole matter, and to save time I take the liberty of sending the others a copy of the one long letter to her.

What would be workable with you and Mrs. Arrington in Mississippi?

The opportunity is a real one, and should be taken up. It's a matter of hitting a workable pace for each community; the beginning is local discussion groups where people agree on the issue and hunt out the facts. From such understanding much will flow in the future.

May I ask you to get in touch with Mrs. Arrington and try to work something out?

Feel free to telephone us, collect, if you need more steering. But I have all confidence in what you and the Woman's Society can do!

Sincerely, and with warm greetings,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh
cc: Mrs. Arrington
Miss Stearns

March 15, 1954

Mrs. J. Russell Henderson
110 North Cedar Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

To save time here I have taken the liberty of sending you a copy of this letter in extenso to Mrs. Tillman in Tennessee.

Much the same plan for Arkansas? Couldn't you and Mrs. Cotton contrive to take each an appropriate part of the State? You don't have to try to block in the whole Commonwealth; ten or a dozen counties for each would do a whole lot of good, and we could try to fill the gaps later.

You would be in charge of talking with Mrs. Cotton, and arranging what may be workable.

I count on you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Miss Stevens

March 15, 1954

Mrs. J. D. Bragg
3666 Montana
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Bragg:

I save time all around by sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Tillman, in Tennessee.

We would consider it a great matter if you would plan with yourself a best use toward this general end of what time you (a busy person!) may be able to squeeze in. I thought perhaps a tour of various Conference presidents. Could you take on part of Texas; say three or four of the Conferences? That would get each of the visited Conference presidents closely informed, and under real stimulus to do things on her own. Or it could be Oklahoma, or northern Louisiana.

Please ponder the whole rich opportunity, and try your best to fit in a useful plan. We all know the tremendous encouragement that visits by you in this interest would bring.

Call us here if we can add more facts or clearances of "territory".

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc. Miss Stevens
Mrs. James S. Crate

March 15, 1954

Mr. J. Oscar Lee, Executive Director
National Council of the Churches of Christ
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

I've written to one of the named Methodist ladies in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi, and to Mrs. Bragg in St. Louis. Wrote in extenso with whole idea and copy of Vastine Report to Mrs. Tillman, and sent copies of the Tillman letter to each of the other six ladies. Talked by phone with Mrs. Tillman.

To Mrs. Bragg we proposed that she make a tour of Conference presidents of the Woman's Society in Texas, or perhaps in Oklahoma or northern Louisiana.

Thelma Stevens duly notified of all these outgoing letters. (Copies sent her).

This moves. I thank you, and Thelma Stevens.

Parrish did a useful job in Alabama. I'll send you his report material when edited. I've had several evidences of Al Krueger being at work in Virginia, and of Galen Weaver in North Carolina.

Much enthusiams about whole business!

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 16, '54

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont St.
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Arrington,

This I wrote to Mrs. Tillman, as outlining the whole matter, and to save typing I take the liberty of sending you and the others a copy of the one long letter to her.

I have asked Mrs. Ratliff to be in touch with you, to work out what you could both do in Mississippi.

The opportunity is a real one, and should be taken up. It's a matter of hitting a workable pace for each community; the beginning is local discussion groups where people agree on the issue and hunt out the facts. From such understanding much will flow in the future.

I have all confidence in what you and the Woman's Society can do!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Miss Stevens

Wright

March 16, '54

Dear Marion,

Here's a pleasant letter for you to send, if you will, to the F. for R.

We have ordered the by-laws to be set up in proof, which we hope can be ready for the April 6 meeting to put into effect. Probably will be a broadsheet job, as being easier to read than the usual tiny folder. Also we have asked Josephine Wilkins, who's expert on such matters, to do us a draft of model by-laws for the new State outfits, which we can submit to them for their appropriate modifications.

We sent up a new budget letter to the F for R yesterday, embodying the recalculations agreed upon March 11 at Philadelphia. Comes out at 498,560 or thereabouts. Less flexibility, or rather less fat, in the new arrangement than we had expected, but gives five associate secretaries, enables a miximum offer to States of a three and a half year program (three years of subsidy only for this office), and calls for the States, and us, to raise difficult sums. But it was that or do nothing.

Stoney is working out report and accounting forms, for us and for the State outfits, and will check them closely with Mr. Campbell, the auditor. He's a CPA, and teaches accounting at Emory, and is good. If he advises review by a bank we'll get that. We would keep a goodish sum with the Negro bank here, to even things up. We expect a system of tight budgetary control, imposed by this office. So far as I can learn the F for R will wish quarterly reports, but won't interfere with internal handling of funds.

Our problem is going to be bringing in outside money.

I'll thank Mrs. Ames, with official receipt.

Best,

G.

March 16, 1954

Mrs. Annie Romer
1473 St. James Court
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Romer:

Thank you for your letter of March 10th. We are glad to know that you are interested in the work of the Council and we join with you in your good words about the progress which is being made in the South. We too, feel that much is being done.

The chairman of the Kentucky Division of Southern Regional Council is Mr. J. M. Tydings whose office is at 808 Starks Building. He can tell you of the activities of the Kentucky Division.

I am enclosing a copy of the Statement of Policy and Aims which was adopted by the annual meeting of SRC in [redacted] 1951 and a membership form. We cordially invite you to membership in the Council. Included in membership is a year's subscription to our bulletin, NEW SOUTH, which gives information about the progress being made.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

March 16, 1954

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Freeman,

Here is some accounting for the Philadelphia trip for Morris Abram and George Mitchell, March 11.

Plane fare Atlanta-Philadelphia-Atl. aircoach both ways between Atlanta and Washington	150.42	
Less prospective refund to SRC Washington-Philadelphia leg not performed by plane	17.81	
Total plane fare, actual		132.51
Rail fare, Wash.-Phila.		10.46
Taxi, Washington		2.50
Phliadelphia		2.00
Meals		4.70
Total		151.67

We were both grateful for the opportunity to confer with the two of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 16, '5

Mrs. Iola Jones
711 Oakland Avenue
Florence, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Jones,

Thank you for your letter. I'm glad to do anything you wish, and will be in town and will come and be part of the panel April 24. I called Mrs. Crump, and told her about it. She was cordial, but would appreciate some further word from you on completing the program.

My Florence friend is Mrs. Ragsdale, widow of your sometime Congressman, and daughter to old Professor Joynes, who was a great man at the University of S.C. years ago.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 16, '54

Dear Mr. Beckman,

Best thing I know to do is to circulate good material on what the issues and the facts are, and expect the newspapers to go their own way; some helpful, some squabbly. We did the Q and A pamphlet, and lots of them have it. We will do into print about May 15 another item, a boil-down of a big Foundation study of the facts and what to do. Thereafter its up to local people.

Our other effort is to get going such local groups as you are working with in Knoxville. If they are of any strength they will find their way to the editors, and influence opinion in the good local way. I do hear that a groups of Bishops, of all hues and denominations, in Tennessee, are poised to issue a joint letter immediately after the decision, cautioning quietness and compliance. That's a good model.

Sorry not to see the Philadelphia visitors, but enjoyed talking with them, and briefly, with thy lady wife.

Best,

GSM

Tartt Bell
Greensboro, N.C.

March 16, '54

Dear Tartt,

Thanks for March 12 let.

Here's the famous Vastine Report. And a letter to a Methodist lady in Tennessee that explains history. And more on method.

Sure, do unhook anybody wise that you can, and try it on. Two counties, maybe, for a starter, and then see if you could manage some more. For the time being I give you everything from Kernersville West to Murphy.

I'll be up your way over the week-end, I hope, and will try to find you. But go ahead on your own if you can.

Sincerely,

George

PS. Please mark off on your calendar if you haven't got it committed May 6,7,8,9 for a most interesting eighteen-man confab at Williamsburg, Va. on what to do in South. W and N, keenest people. All out planning. Expenses paid.

March 16, 54

Dear Mrs. Ames,

Marion Wright sent us on your kind check for twenty-five dollars.

We value dollars (we always do!), but even more the evidence of your interest in keeping going the kind of work into which you contributed so much energy and fresh thinking and friendship. Everywhere I go some good lady will come up and say "Dr. Mitchell, I worked with Mrs. Ames!"

Next time I can get on the road you must let me find my way to your home.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Hattiesburg, Miss.

March 17, '54

Dear Rabbi Mantinband,

I'm told there was lately a law case in Tunica, in which a Negro stood trial for killing a white man, "and came clear of the killing". My correspondent thought this remarkable, and hoped we would learn the facts. It would be a good case for the business of the forthcoming Southwide Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law, and if you have some fairly ready means of getting in the clips or the story I would like to have it.

That's all I know for ideantification.

I am hopeful, really, that we will get some real financial help quite soon, and be in shape to proposition Mississippi and each other State on a program with paid personnel. So be thinking about who could do the job of being State Secretary, at a salary of say 5,000, with a clerk and an office and a bit of travel money and a phone, and so on. The State would have to raise some money, too, but not at first any crushing amount. News as soon as anything official is available.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell

Paul Christopher
Knoxville, Tenn.

March 17, '54

Dear Paul,

I called your office this morning, and asked Mdlle. to hold on her version of your calendar May 6,7,8, and 9. She so marked, but that doesn't govern, though I hope it can.

When Frank Loescher was here a few weeks ago, to review us for F. for R., he said he had all around had suggestions that a small group of southerner people should meet in late April and try to concert plans on things to do a. in the short run, say six months, and b. for a longer run, say five years. Money has been found for such a meeting, and SRC has been asked to get the people together, not for SRC purposes, but just as poeople. Idea is in part to find agreement on programs and projects, among which various Foundations might poke for nuggets of action.

We picked Ashmore, Christopher, Shean, Curtis Dixon, Clement, Dent, Tilly, Hammer, Abram, Brooks Hays, John Griffen, Ruby Hurley, Grace Hamilton, Schisler, Gordon Blackwell, etc. 18 or 20, at most, and that's too many, but how do you cut down.

We have engaged a whole recosntructed colonial Brick House Tavern, on the Duke of Gloucester street, 16 rooms, and own conference room.

Travel and all expenses paid.

Need Paul Christopher particularly.

See can't you plan your travellations to let you be there.

Best,

George

Dr. P.W. Hill
Clarksdale, Miss.

March 17, '54

Dear Dr. Hill,

Many thanks for your letter. We are sending you a good stack of the leaflet you particularly wanted, and of the January, 1953 issue of New South, with a comparison of the size of the so-called "Negro vote" in the various Southern States, plus a few copiesof Luther Jackson's excellent study of the matter, made some years ago. All success to your meetings.

With your permission I'll put the three dollars onto the pamphlets and postage, rather than in starting a fund to get to Tunica. We try these days to do artciles that by bringing together many incidents show broad trends, and the Tunica casse will fit into such a (happy) trend. Also we are working at a Commission of Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. So I am writing to a friend in North Mississippi, to ask for the clips and the story on the Tunica matter, and will expect to feed the results into the work of the Commission.

Coahoma is my father's county - Jonestown, and there are some Mitchells around in the bayous yet, up around Lula or thereabouts.

We are grateful for your activity, and for your continued interest in SRC. I hope we can soon do more in your State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 22, 1954

Mrs. J. F. Kilbourn
3525 East Third Street,
Panama City, Florida

Dear Mrs. Kilbourn:

Thank you for your letter of March 20th with the names of the officers of your Diocese.

I wish we might sent NEW SOUTH to each of these officers, but with our limited budget we find that it is more than we can do to include all of the officers of a district group when there are so many. I am sending a copy each month to the president, Mrs. Dent, one to the Sec. of Christian Education, Mrs. Stebbins, and one to you. This seems to give some distribution over the state. Also, if there is any issue which you find of special interest and which you think your women would like to use, I will be glad to send a copy to each of these officers of that issue. I'll keep the list in my file so as to have their addresses on hand.

Thank you again for your cooperation and for the support given us by the Diocese of Florida.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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March 22, 1954

Mrs. E. F. Jud
501 North 35th Street,
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Jud:

Thank you for your letter of March 17th and the enclosed check for $19.50. I have duly credited each of the thirteen people with payment and will see that they get NEW SOUTH regularly during the coming year.

Most of these people were already getting NEW SOUTH so that their subscriptions will simply be continued. I believe that Mr. Jud is the only new one. He will get his first issue in March, 1954.

Thank you for sending in the payment.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks

March 22, 1954

Mr. John C. Peery
2905 Drayton Street,
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Peery:

Thank you very much for your card of March 18th.

Enclosed you will find some information about the Southern Regional Council, a membership form in case you would be interested in becoming a member, and a list of our publications. We cordially invite you to membership.

There are a good many members of SRC who live in Columbia. I suggest that you get in touch with Mrs. E. N. Spearman, 1511 Laurel Street, who can tell you about the activities of the South Carolina Division. Judge Richard Foster of Greenville is the chairman of the South Carolina Division.

I am sending you also, under separate cover, the copy of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet.

Please let us know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

March 23, '54

Dear Mr. Weidenfeld,

We are an old outfit, begun in 1919 as the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and continued under this new name in 1944. We have several thousand members back and fourth across the South (and several hundred most welcome associate members, north of "the line" who pay dues bu alas have no vote at our annual meetings). Our members in each Southern State are banded together as the South Carolina, or the Alabama, etc. Division of SRC, with volunteer officers and a minute treasury, and some action programs of their own. We work educationally, and persuasively, on such matters as getting Southern communities to add Negro officers to their police forces, getting newspapers to treat news arising from the Negro community with respect and fairness, encouraging Negro representation on school boards and other agencies of government (without any political participation by SRC), lessening tension in general and violence in particular.

The Churches help us, and some of the larger trade unions, and various small foundations, and our members pay in dues and contributions which make up the rest.

We are not noisemakers, and most people have never heard of us. But we have responsible friends in many Southern communities, and sometimes we can get useful things done.

I send an audit, and a statement of policy, and some back issues of the maggie.

Lewis Deer was head of our Arkansas forces when he was at LIttle Rock.

Do spread our fame, if you will. You would be most welcome as an associate member, or as one who would help get out our literature in greater volume.

Sincerely,

March 23, 1954

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I have your letter of March 9th which Dr. Mitchell has referred to me for reply.

You have asked that we add the names of nine of your New York staff to the list of those getting NEW SOUTH each month. I am wondering whether you mean to add these to the subscriptions which A.D.L. now has for their staff. These subscriptions were gotten last March through arrangement with the Southeastern Office - there are 32 names on the list and they were priced to you at $1.00 each rather than the regular $1.50. These subscriptions expire this month.

We will be glad to continue sending NEW SOUTH to these staff members and to add the ones in the New York office when we have your order. I am wondering also whether the ones for the New York staff might not all be sent in the same package, thereby saving time and expense. You might let us know your preference in this.

One of the regrets of the Council is our inability to have a "free" mailing list. There are so many people to whom we would like to send NEW SOUTH without charge. But we can hardly pay our way now and until we have more income, we must make a nominal charge in order to keep up publication at all.

Thank you very much for your interest in the Council and our publications.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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March 23, '54

Dear Mr. Walker,

Mighty kind that was of the Rubber Workers to send us two hundred good dollars. We appreciate the help, and the evidence of friendship from a Union we like and respect.

I hope I may have some chance again this year to be useful to the Union in its various training programs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 23, 1954

Mrs. J. H. Cook
Slater, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Cook:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to write you that the National Planning Association's studies of Negro employment in the South are available from the following address:

National Planning Association
1606 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Washington 9, DC

"Three Southern Plants of International Harvester" by John Hope II (SO - 6:1) sells for $1.75. "Four Studies of Negro Employment in the South" by Donald Dewey (SO-6:2) covers the North Carolina area and sells for $1.25.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

March 23, 1954

Dr. Lytt I. Gardner
Dept. of Pediatrics
Syracuse Memorial Hospital
Syracuse 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gardner:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to thank you for the "Brief History of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission," which you sent recently.

As a former Chapel Hill student I, too, read it with interest.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Benser

March 23, '54

Dear Elizabeth and Ed, Benser

Congratulation on being in new house.

If it hasn't abbolutely busted you you ought to send us some six bit or two buck contribution to this S R and C. It's a good outfit, won't get you into trouble, and does some good in thispart of the world.

Anyway, put it down in the Benser Will!

Best, and more of it,

Sincerely,

March 23, '54

Dear Mrs. Ascoli,

Mighty kind of the Fund to send us that stout three hundred dollars. As always, it seems to pick a time to come when we particularly need it.

Things are opening up. Everywhere I go and sound out people on the schools question the statement is "it's coming". When you admit a thing is coming there's not much resistance left as to just when. And that admission is now generally made by school officials, church people, trade unionists (even rather "tough" ones) and just everyday people. Most significantly, the superintendent of schools for Kentuck in a recent published report, for 1953) said that in over half the school districts of the State there was "no problem" because these districts had less than a hundred Negro pupils each (many have only a few and many have none). So he again urged that the Legislature amend the law, and permit these counties to do as they please, and open up and save money. That's a new way for a public official to report!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell

March 24, '54

Dear Mr. McFarlin,

I'll be right there, April 10, for the grand occasion. All praise to the Brotherhood for honoring so good a man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 24, 1954

Mr. Harry Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

The Southern Regional Council has been asked to arrange a small meeting of Southern people to make plans for the best use of opportunities growing out of the Supreme Court's decision in the schools matter.

Place: Williamsburg, Virginia, where the Williamsburg Lodge has reserved for us the whole of the Brick House Tavern.

Time: from 6:00 P.M., Thursday, May 6 through 2:00 P.M., Sunday May 9.

Persons invited: yourself, and a total of twenty-five or so more, chosen to be congenial in a working session.

Object: to find and try to agree upon things to be done in the short run (six months) and for a longer pull (five years).

Expenses of travel and accommodation at the Brick House Tavern will be paid. Meals will be at the dining room of the Williamsburg Lodge, nearby.

An agenda will be sent you in a few days, and your criticism and suggestions will be asked.

Travel information also to be sent out shortly.

Please return the enclosed card, saying whether you can be there.

It's a good deal to ask in the way of travel and time for busy people, but it is also a real opportunity to help in furthering things we are all interested in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

March 25, 1954

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer
National Council, Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Al:

Many thanks for $6.92, which helps hon. exchequer.

We look for your report. Parrish came out of Alabama with a nice story of a county school board members a'talking to a Negro high school principal. "I hear you've got a good math teacher and a good social science teacher at your school." "Yes, I think they're both excellent." "I wish you'd send them over to my house to work on that boy of mine. He ain't learning a d... thing"

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

March 26, 1954

Miss Geneva R. Jones
National Council of Churches of Christ
Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations
297 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Miss Jones:

I am sorry the joint South Carolina SRC-Fellowship of Churches statement did not reach you in time for the NEWS deadline.

The person who was to send it is Rev. G. Howard McClain, 1420 Lady St., Columbia, S. C.

I suggest that you write directly to Mr. McClain if it has not come in.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Mrs. Franz Bernheimer
Sweet Briar, Va -

March 29, '54

Dear Mrs. Bernheimer,

The Division of Christian Citizenship of the National Council of the Church gave its blessing to the "Operation log across the creek", which I suppose meant that money, if findable, could be used for it. And subsequently Mrs. Francis O. Clarkson, of Charlotte, N.C. has agreed to travel somewhat in that State to get local discussion groups going.

In Virginia it would be well for anyone interested locally to be in touch with the Rev. Robert S. Seiler (ofc. Mayo House, 110 West Franklin St., Richmond, res. 104 N. Elm Ave., Highland Springs, Va), who is head, I think, of the Department of Christian Social Relations for his Diocese (which I fear does not have Amherst County in it). But Seiler knows what it's all about, and ordered some of the Q and A pamphlets, and could suggest ways for your friends to proceed.

The method is clear in the attached report, which by the way, isn't for publication, though I've disguised names and placesto a passable extent.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 30, 1954

Mr. William F. Kelly
Chief of Police
Charleston Police Dept.
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Enclosed is our latest printed list of Negro police, based on a survey conducted in September, 1953.

Since then the police listed on the attached sheet have been added. Current totals on Negro police in the South are as follows:

Towns employing -- 121
Counties employing--20

Uniformed policemen -- 554
Plainclothesmen -- 88
Policewomen -- 102

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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Bright Star Day April 1, '54

David Freeman

Dear Mr. Freeman,

This is what we had thought of as a suitable statement by our Executive Committee, which meets April 6. We suppose that the papers will do better with this statement as a source of fact than with a fully pre-formed news release from us. But we aren't immovable on that supposition, and would do a straight release if that should seem to you markedly better.

Let us have your views and changes, and we'll go with the resulting document to our Executive Comm,

The date we would like to aim for with the papers is Sunday papers, April 11.

What we would give to the papers would include a list of the Officers and members of SRC's Executive Committee, and a list of the SRC Board members, broken down by States.

Gratitude, and some humbleness,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

April 2, '54

Dear Mr. Russell,

The plans we talked about went through, and money is available to launch the various State programs. I would like to think of North Carolina getting actually under way with paid personnel by about July 1, but we could delay it, or if need be, speed it up. Only there isn't enough for each of twelve states to have a full 18 mos. initial "year" - so some have to delay for several months in getting going.

The budget which we would be prepared to finance from here (less the amounts you would have to raise) would run about like this

Secretary	5000 in first 18 mos, thereafter 5,500
Clerical	2500
Social secruity	(enough to cover)
Postage, tel.	600
Travel	1800
Supplies	400

In addition, for the first "year" only, 500 furniture money.

Each State would have to raise in the first 18 mos, 1800; second twelve mos 3500; third 12 mos 6500. And SRC's contributions to the State budgets would diminish accordingly.

Also you would get the part-time service of an associate secretary, presumably Negro, with travel for him or her. For the time being I think of splitting one man between Va , N.C. and S.C., but that's to be settled later.

All this is accurate detail later, but I sent hurried word for comfort.

I've corresponded with Kurtz, as you know. Looks as though best doable is close cooperation, but I'm willing for more if can be.

Sincerely,

PS. You have some furniture in
Raleigh, somewhere.

April 2, 1954

U. S. Dept. of Commerce
Regional Field Office
Peachtree 7th St. Bldg.
Atlanta

Attention: Mrs. Cawthorn

Enclosed is a check covering my telephone order of the following materials:

10	County Outline Maps of the U. S., County Boundaries as of April 1, 1950. State and County outlines in black ink. No. C 3.62/2:Un3/9 .30 each	$3.00
1	U. S. Census of Population, General Characteristics, Series P-B. Alabama	.55
	U. S. Census of Housing. Reports for the states of Alabama (.55), Arkansas (.55), Florida (.60), Georgia (1.00), Kentucky (.65), Louisiana (.55), Mississippi (.55), North Carolina (.65), Oklahoma (.60), South Carolina (.45), Tennessee (.60), Texas ($1.75) and Virginia (.70)	9.20
		$12.75

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

April 2, '54

Dear Mrs. Adler,

I'm not yet in position to write finally and officially about State budgets. That's be done by Katherine Stoney in a few days. But I can review what I said over the 'phone.

There is to be enough to enable each State to have during the first period (which could be from April 1, '54 to Oct 1, '55 - 18 mos)

Ank executive drawing	5,000
A clerk	2,500
Travel	1,800
Social Security	250?
Furniture	500
Tel'pne, pst'ge	600
Supplies	400

In that same 18 months each State must raise on its own 1,800 dollars.

For each of two subsequent twelve-months periods the salary of the executive could be 5,500, and the budget would be unchanged otherwise except no furniture money. And in the second year your State office would have to raise 3,500 and in the third, 6,300.

We're in no great rush to get each State outfit going, and suppose maybe June 1 or even July 1 would suit Louisiana. But we can move that if need be.

Each State would be entirled to part of the services of an associate executive, presumably Negro. Tentatively, I would propose that La., Miss, and Ark share one such person, but that could be changed, too.

We'll return to the State's office all memberships, and therefor all dues would accrue to that office. Except that something - one dollar or two, depending on mailing arrangements, should come to us here for subscription to New South. Which is one reason why I think you would do well to consider getting dues up to 5.00. But it's your business.

I should think it would work all right if you had a single office in New Orleans, to serve both the New Orleans Committee and the State-at-large membership, under whatever name they might take. If so, consider, in choosing your executive, the needs of the up-State people.

Whole object is to get going outfits which will be really self-sustaining after this help is no longer available. You will have your own Board, and will set your own policies. All I ask is general coordination on policy, friendly inter-state swapping on programs, uniform accounting, and that business of pay-checks from here, which is only to safeguard the tax-exempt feature.

I assume the NO Comm. and the La. outfit will wish to have separate identities under the new arrangement, too, but that's a concern for Louisiana and New Orleans. All the money I can put in is one office, but however Louisiana uses that office is its own business.

Warmest thanks for all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

The longer we look at our budgets the clearer it is that there isn't enough for more than a very few experimental States to get going earlier than November 1. We are willing to try to get Louisiana into an early bracket, but I'm certainly not pushing you to move off at once!

April 2, '54

Dear Bill,

I'm in town April 10, 11 and 13 (Macon the 12th) and would be delighted to see you . If you get here the 10th, which is Saturday, call me at home (Dearborn 3961) and come on out (daytime only -I'm at some dinner that night. Ditto for Sunday. Monday's the Macon day. Anytime Tuesday's O.K. I recommedn the Saturday, as having more time to talk, while I rest from grass-cutting!

Sincerely,

GSM

April 3, 1954

Mr. Aubrey Williams
Southern Farm and Home
Publishing Company
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Williams:

Our Membership Secretary has lost touch with Nat Welch, in all his jumps.

Can you send me a workable present address for him?

Regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to Katherine Stoney

April 3, 1954

Reverend James A. Mackey
Oxford, Georgia

Dear Reverend Mackey:

I saw today the new outburst from Reverend Blake Craft, in his April, 1954 issue.

Last year when Mr. Craft had quite similar things to say, you will recall that we made available to you and to the Trustees of the Church Building fairly full information as to Mr. Craft's allegations. I want you to know that we stand ready now and at any time to supply any information relating to the Southern Regional Council, which you or the Trustees may desire.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 3, 1954

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
444 East Twentieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Gene:

I talked briefly with Miss or Mrs. Theiss at the Doris Duke Foundation. She has come on more latterly. I knew pretty well Mrs. Georgea Furst who used to be the secretary, but all I know about Miss or Mrs. Theiss is her last name. Apparently she did child welfare work in New York City. Could you send me a line or two about her, including her name and titlements?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 5, 1954

Mr. R. W. Sherrill
380 NE 87th St.
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sherrill:

I sent you a package of material Friday which contained pamphlets used in action programs, reports of SRC annual meetings, policy statements of SRC board and some sample issues of our monthly bulletin NEW SOUTH.

As present we have no printed brochure available which outlines the history and techniques of the Council. The enclosed typewritten memo, dated November, 1950, will give you a pretty good picture of what the Council is and how it operates. PLEASE RETURN IT TO US AS IT IS A FILE COPY.

The Council is an outgrowth of the Southern Commission on Interracial Cooperation, founded in 1920. For information on the Interracial Commission consult Paul E. Baker, NEGRO-WHITE ADJUSTMENT (New York: Association Press, 1934) and William E. Cole, "Role of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in War and Peace," v. 21 (May, 1943), SOCIAL FORCES.

In 1944 the Interracial Commission was disolved, and the Southern Regional Council organized to carry out a race relations program appropriate to the times. The reorganization was the result of three conferences held in Durham, Richmond and Atlanta from 1942 to 1944. Texts of the statements issuing from these three conferences were in the material mailed separately.

In connection with the early history of SRC you should read a series of articles appearing in COMMON GROUND in 1944 and 1946: J. Saunders Redding and Lillian E. Smith, "Southern Defensive," Spring, 1944, pp 36-46; Guy B. Johnson, "Southern Offensive," Summer, 1944; and Stetson Kennedy, "Total Equality and How to Get It," Winter, 1946, pp 61-68.

A few more articles that might help: George S. Mitchell, "Rules of Industrial Society," VITAL SPEECHES (July 15, 1953), 603-604; Mrs. M. E. Tilly, "Know Your Courts as You Know Your Schools," WORLD OUTLOOK (October, 1952), pp 33-35; and Helena Huntington Smith, "Mrs. Tilly's Crusade," COLLIER'S (Dec. 30, 1950), p 29, 66ff.

You owe us $2.00 for pamphlets and $.31 for postage.

If you have any questions about the Council and our work, please feel free to write us about them.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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April 6, 1954

Mr. David F. Freeman, Secretary
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

The Southern Regional Council directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 2 enclosing check in the amount of $240,000.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee in Atlanta today, full consideration has [illegible] given to the points and suggestions contained in your letter. We find ourselves in complete agreement with all of the ideas and recommendations which you submitted. They seem to us to be reasonable and, in fact, essential, not merely to the proper utilization of the funds involved but as well to the expansion and growth in usefulness of this organization.

I am sure you will be interested to know that at today's meeting, with the most competent legal and business advice, we have approved methods of bookkeeping and disbursement of the funds and imposed all safeguards suggested by prudence.

The occasion calls for more than a mere formal acknowledgement of funds. We firmly believe that this date will be memorable, not merely in the history of the Southern Regional Council but in the history of the area it hopes to serve. For the first time in our experience we are enabled to attempt with relatively adequate resources to cope with problems which have long beset the South.

We shall, of course, file the quarterly and interim reports suggested. We hope that these may not be sufficient to prevent your looking in upon us personally from time to time to get at first hand your impressions of what we are doing and to give us orally the benefit of your experience and counsel.

With renewed expression of our gratitude, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW: F

April 7, 1954

Mr. Paul Fitzgerald
804 Hackberry Lane
Tuxcaloosa, Ala.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald;

I have sent separately pamphlets with information that should be helpful in your analysis of the Negro in Georgia Politics. The enclosed newspaper listing of registration by race and by county is the most recent we have in our office. PLEASE RETURN IT AS IT IS A FILE COPY. You might try writing Secretary of State Ben W. Fortson for further data on registration--note in the story that accompanies the list that this is the "first such compilation."

In checking the size of the Negro vote against the 1950 Census figures on proportion of rural-urban population, you will find that the largest registrations are in urban centers. You should also check the size of the vote against Negro population density--see to what extent Negro registration has progressed in counties with a small proportion of Negroes in comparison to those with a large proportion of Negroes.

So far as I know, no one has done a thorough job of assessing the present status of the Negro vote in Georgia. If you have not already done so, read the section on the Negro vote in Alexander Heard's TWO PARTY SOUTH? (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1952)--there are references in it to the Georgia Association of Citizens Democratic Clubs, which worked --still works--with Negro registration and some examples of the influence of the Negfo vote in different elections throughout the state. There is a master's thesis at Emory University on "The Rise of Negro Voting in Georgia, 1944-1950" by Hugh Carl Owen (1951) which you might arrange to borrow. See also "People's Progressive Party of Georgia, Reasons for Failure to Win Negro Support," by S. Williams, PHYLON, X(1949), 226-230. The NATION and the NEW REPUBLIC give more attention to the role of race in politics--I would check their reports of Georgia elections in the period you are covering for references to the role of the Negro vote. See particularly "Georgia's Negro Vote," by Ira Reid, NATION, v. 163 (July 6, 1946), 12-14 and the special issue "Southern Negro, 1952," NATION, v. 175 (Sept. 27, 1952),. also Rainey, "What Happened in Georgia," NATION, v. 167 (Oct. 2, 1948), 371-372.

There is a very good chapter on the South, including the status of the Negro vote and it's influence, in Samuel Lubell's FUTURE OF AMERICAN POLITICS (New York: Harper, 1951).

In order to properly assess the Negro vote in Georgia you have to understand the county unit system of xxxxxxxxxxxxxx apportioning votes. (See Albert B. Saye, "Georgia's County Unit System of Election," JOURNAL OF POLITICS' XII (Feb. 1950), 93-106). The county unit systemx gives strength disporportional to population to the rural counties of the state--and since the Negro vote is largest in the cities, tends to nullify any effect the "Negro vote" might have in statewide elections along with the rest of the city vote.

I was at a forum on Negro voting registration recently at which Mr. A. T. Walden, chairman of the Georgia Association of Democratic clubs, stated that the FBI had been called in in every major election in Georgia since 1946 (first year Negroes voted in primaries). Negroes in Altanta, Savannah and the other cities now have no trouble registering or voting, but in some of the rural counties, both are sometimes difficult. Mr. Walden said that the presence of an FBI man very shortly cleared things up. His organization and others working with Negro registration have found that in the "tought" counties Negroes are more successful in registering in groups than in registering singly. I have been in the Fulton County court house here in Atlanta when Negroes came in to register and noticed no difference in the treatment of whites and Negroes.

Mr. A. T. Walden is the man who really knows about the Negro vote in Georgia. Perhaps you could get some comments from him by writing him at the Walden Building, Atlanta, Ga.

You owe SRC $.40 for pamphlets, $04 for postage.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

April 7, '54

Dear Virginius,

We took at least this step to correct the injustice done Richmond on the Library matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

April 13, 1954

Miss Marge Wetterman
1443 Wicke Ave.
Des Plaines, Ill.

Dear Miss Wetterman:

The September, 1952 article on FEPC is the most recent we have available. I am enclosing two articles, one on Negro income in the South, another on Negro municipal employment, which might help you with general background on the economic situation of the Negroin the South.

Your best bet for getting up-to-date information is to write to the state or municipal agencies themselves. There is a good pamphlet "Your Rights under State and Local Fair Employment Practices Laws," published by the Community Relations Service, 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. that lists the addresses of nearly all the state and municipal agencies. (As I recall there are nine state agencies with compulsory laws and 31 municipalities--this pamphlet covers nine states and 28 cities.) The enclosed bibliography includes a few of the state and municipal agencies' addresses.

Another report you might want to send for is Senate Document No. 15, 83rd Congress, 1st Session, "State and Municipal Fair Employment Legislation," Feb. 20, 1953, available from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

If you are interested in the work of the President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance, there is a report entitled "Equal Economic Opportunity" (Jan. 16, 1953), also available from the Government Printing Office at$.45. Possibly a later report is available.

Two other articles not listed in our bibliography: John A. Davis, "Negro Employment: A Progress Report," FORTUNE, July, 1952 and J. C. Furnas, "FEPC--How It Works in Seven States," LOOK, Oct. 21, 1952. Reprints of both of these are available from the Community Relations Service at the address given above. They possibly have more recent material they could send you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden, Research Asst.

Charge for pamphlets -- $.20 Stamps acceptable

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ENLIVENING A STRONG VOICE

For 10 years in its own name the Southern Regional Council, successor to the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, has exercised a progressive yet moderating influence on human relations in the South. The Council's friends are delighted to learn that its good work not only will go on but will be extended through a $240,000 grant from the Fund for the Republic.

The Fund was established in 1952 by the Ford Foundation and is "concerned with preserving and extending those individual rights which are the essence of the American heritage." To the extent those rights have meaning in the remarkable development of the modern South, the Fund's confidence in the Council is well placed. Indeed, it has seemed to many persons that established and respected channels through which this Southern body works have long merited this precise encouragement.

The Southern Regional Council has no ax to grind and serves no master save the collective conscience of its members and directors. It uses fact-finding, conference and persuasion methods to open up areas of equal opportunity for Southerners. Its facts are reliable. Its approach is realistic. Its influence, for example, has been profound in the easing of racial tensions and for further and contributory example in the extension of the franchise, hiring of Negro policemen, dropping of racial barriers in professional associations, and in bringing equal educational facilities to more young Southerners.

The Council is headed by a Carolinian, Marion A. Wright, of Linville Falls. His predecessor was the distinguished Richmond attorney and Catholic layman, Paul D. Williams. The executive director is George S. Mitchell. These men, with other men and women all over the South, have helped to make the Southern Regional Council a spokesman for the area's best traditions of tolerance, humanity, dignity and freedom. Thanks to this wise investment, that voice can speak with renewed assurance.

--Editorial appearing in THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN,
April 12, 1954

April 19, 1954

Mr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Many thanks for your letter and the items from the papers, which I am returning. I would guess that a good many papers ran your letter, in whole or in part. Anyhow, the trip did a whale of a lot of good, and got a lot of people to thinking that hadn't bothered before.

The new grant has us all busy, but hopeful that we can get more done.

It enabled us to send you long-delayed salary-checks! You were mighty kind about the long wait, and we are sensible that the sum is tiny for all the hard travelling and worrying that you did.

As you well know, the whole enterprise was an effort, by both of us, to test the temper of the times, and see what the results would be of sending in a Negro traveller in Alabama. Gratifying, isn't it, that all went well, and a tribute to your courage and enterprise that you got the job well done.

If there's some balance owing us, send us a check, and all will be square.

Thanks for names. I'll try to get the new Alabama Division to recruit some of them into membership.

We look forward to seeing you at Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 19, 1954

Dr. M. A. F. Ritchie
President
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Miller:

You'll be interested to hear that Rock Hill, S. C., has just officially appointed, through its Mayor and Council, a 20 member Commission to explore human relations in the city. Probably a self-survey will come out of it.

I hastened to send over 20 copies of your 1952 issue of New South, with the Dade County article in it, and I am sure it will be useful to them. Also I got Seymour Samet to send them a copy of the by-laws of the Dade County Commission, as the only other one in these Southerns . . . .

Thank you for news. I am glad things for the College have gone well at Hartwick, and hope all will be well with the Ritchies. The South will welcome you back if it can ever get you. I will remember your interests.

More money for us means more work, and more being fussed at (it's already begun, with a blast by Talmadge at us and the Fund for the Republic for putting taxpayers' good money to undermining the cherished traditions . . . .

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Appreciate dues, which needed. We've still got to get in a dickens of a lot of money.

April 19, 1954

Mr. Emory F. Via
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt College
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Emory:

T'other day at Macon I had the pleasure of sitting by Margaret's Mother at a supper meeting for the Georgia Interracial Committee, and heard also some conversation from her Father. I did my best to raise to new heights the esteem in which thee is held as a son-in-law.

Mrs. Johnson said your fellowship came through for which I am glad. I must get to Chicago, or you two here, to catch up.

Sincerely, and thanks for letter,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Mr. Ashton Greene
Louisiana Commission for UNESCO
Box 192
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Ashton:

Nice of you to write. More money makes more work, but also, let's hope, more done. I'll be over there before too long, and will hope to find you in New Orleans or in Baton Rouge.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer
National Council of the
Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Al:

We are all gratitude for your full and extremely interesting report, which we read in toto the moment it came in. How absorbing it is to go through the hoops with you at Emporia and Courtland and Ashland and in the Dinwiddie post-office!

I am sure that the trip which you made, and which the National Council so kindly made possible, will pay off in months and years to come in a better attitude and speeded progress in that part of the State. Getting out the pamphlets, and making key people think rationally about the whole matter, will make a real dent.

Our best thanks to you and to the Council. The movement grows; keep helping get it pushed!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, '54

Dear Frank,

Olivier and I drove on Saturday to Orangeburg, S.C., stopping to see a tenant and a landlord and a plantation along the way; i hope it made an especially instructive part of his visit. I gave him a friend or two in Orangeburg to see, and he was to spend the night there, and go on on Sunday monring to Charleston to stay till Tuesday next, whence to Knoxville.

Nice fellow, polite, listens well, good company, but not too anxious to find things here that could be applied at home. Queer, that exaggerated Nationalism. I can only suppose that in its pursuit his Afrikanders are asking for their own destruction. It doesn't seem to me that what he is after can be had in this modern world. Still, polite, and nice company.

He wanted some books and papers sent to be held for him in your care, and I will.

I'm coming to New York April 28 and 29. Shall you be there or in Philadelphia? If in Philadelphia maybe the 30th I'll stop.

All goes all right, though the man Talmadge has jumped on us for getting and on the Fund for giving tax-exempt money for undermining the cherished traditions.....

Sincerely,

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April 19, 1954

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Many thanks for your nice letter. More dough means more work, but we're glad to have both.

Fifty copes have gone to you. Any chance you could get your office to send us about 30c in stamps to cover postage?

Famous map speech still at your service, blowing off into the atmosphere.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
c/o First Baptist Church
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Our best thanks for that grand editorial from The Advertiser. One of the best ever done on this subject.

We have had success with out pleas to the Fund for the Republic, which has staked us well to three and a half years of help for paid personnel in each of 12 Southern states. Now if you can sell your DeKalb holding for a sizeable fortune, and shave some of it to honorable SRC, we'll be in the best of shape!

Come to see us,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 19, 1954

Dr. J. N. White
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dean White:

Many thanks for your letter of April 14, about the lecture on June 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Yonge Laboratory Building. I'll be there, with much appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Mr. Frank M. Snowden, Jr.
Director
The Summer School
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Snowden:

Delighted to come, and appreciate being invited. Friday, June 25, to be on hand from 9 till 3, and speak on "Problems Attendant Upon Ending School Segregation."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Miss Rhoda Kaufman
678 Park Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rhoda:

Mighty nice of you to phone and to write. Some friend in Alabama said we wouldn't be much busier, but we would get more done!

I'll need your help, and will call on you.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Mr. Elmer W. Henderson
Director
American Council on Human Rights
1130 Sixth Street N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Mighty nice of you to write. More to do, and happily more to do it with!

I have come to depend on your help in reaching your particularly influential group of friends; I hope I may count on that in the future.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Miss Gene Lovecki
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Gene:

Very many thanks to you. I will be up there for the 28th and 29th, will call Freeman when I get in on the 28th, and will see Coombs at 10 a.m. on the 29th, and will look forward to dinner with Miss L. and roommate and with the Weavers on the evening of the 28th.

All straight. Coming.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 19, 1954

Miss Louise Smith
Centenary Junior College
Hackettstown, New Jersey

Dear Miss Smith:

I don't see a chance, but I do appreciate your writing. Each of our 12 States will pick up a paid executive, plus a clerk, and there'll be some five associate executives whose services must be made to go 'round to the 12 States. In this office we add almost nobody, and we particularly haven't got any new money for getting out NEW SOUTH.

I congratulate you on the wise and helpful interests your career shows.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 19, 1954

Miss Elizabeth S. Magee
National Consumers League
For Fair Labor Standards
348 Engineers Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Miss Magee:

Nice of you to write. It means more work, but also getting more done.

Long delayed dues herewith.

Lucy Mason is much in our thoughts. She has been getting increasingly bewildered in these last few months, and only two or three days ago her medical cousin arranged for her to go to a nursing home. She's quite well and strong physically, but is in sad confusion as to the day's events.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 19, 1954

Mr. Dan C. Whitesett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Mr. Whitesett:

When Mr. C. H. Parrish, of the University of Louisville, travelled in Alabama in February and some of March, 1954, he wrote down the names and addresses of many of the persons whom he visited or talked with by phone. Here is his list. Some are white, some are Negro. Many are people of some prominence in their towns. Parrish sent them all a mimeographed letter dated April 1, 1954, in which he said that George Mitchell of the Southern Regional Council might be writing them for financial help to SRC, and the "fault" of this would be entirely Parrish's.

I think the list would serve a good purpose if used for recruitment of members by the Alabama Division.

So I ask you to make whatever use of it may seem suitable to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 20, 1954

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ocie Lee:

I enjoyed that good long letter. Nice to see you behind the work. Here is a copy of Memorandum #1, which explains the setup here. Observe that while we have a total period of eighteen months in the first grant, (and I think a total range of three and one-half years for the whole business), there is only enough money in the first grant to enable us to carry the paid personnel for the first twelve of the eighteen months. That means that we can pick up the payroll in each state in about October '54. By our plan, each state gets a paid executive drawing $5,000 the first year and $55,000thereafter. An split between twelve states, there is money for five associate executives drawing the same salary and travel money of their own.

It rather means that unless the state raises extra money themselves over and above the $1800 that they have got to raise anyway, there is no way for them to get going with paid personnel earlier than October, 1954.

We have not worked out how the split of associate executives will be made. I see the two Carolinas together and Georgia and Florida together, and Alabama and Tennessee together. I think Texas deserves a full time executive all to itself. It looks as though we would be proposing to Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana that they split one man between the three of them.

I dare say you have been getting 'way yonder above any $5,000 a year. The job is not mine to fill. It would have to be worked out with the three states or with whatever became the Delta unit. Also, I know that Harry Wright hopes for a job somewhere in it. As soon as I heard that the money was coming through, my heart leaped in hope that our local force could and would pick up up.

All I can say is, hold on to things for awhile and we will see whether something works out. I emphasize, though, that it is not my job to fill. Our head person in Mississippi is Rabbi Charles Mantinband, 808 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. And the Acting Chairman of the Louisiana division is the Reverend L. J. Toomey, Loyola University, New Orleans.

Mr. Walker of Arkansas wrote me that the Arkansas group will have a small planning meeting April 24, which I hope you will put your appearance into. Harry Ashmore tells me, also, that he will keep a warm interest in getting a stable program set up in Arkansas.

I am so glad to get your news that Giles Hubert is back over here and at Dillard. Giles is my good friend and I will hunt him up next time I am in New Orleans.

All praise to you, Ocie Lee, for strength of character.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 20, 1954

Mr. N. Steven Hubbard
340 Haven Avenue
New York 33, New York

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I am impressed with your training and experience, and wish I had some way to link you on with what we will be doing. Actually, the whole business will be getting going in each of twelve Southern states. A strong local body in the field of human relations. Each state will have a full time paid executive and a clerk, we can split the services of some five associate executives among the twelve states. This office here continues to have a coordinating job and grows hardly at all. I originally asked for funds to enable us to have here an anthropologist, a sociologist, and, perhaps, an economist, to do a job of research interpretation for and from the field offices. But nobody would pay for that, so I didn't get to do it.

A friend of mine named Emmett Murphy, now at 1401 East Fifty-Third, Chicago 15, Illinois, was at Fort Hare last year and has just been offered the secretaryship on the new Council on African-American Relations. His job will be in Washington. I hear they have minimum finances ahead, but still you seem to be immeasurably qualified for what they are after. I suggest that you write to Murphy.

I try my best to keep up with African matters, and greatly wish that you and I could have the pleasure of swapping ideas. If ever you are in Atlanta, do come to see us.

One of my friends, Bernard Bunsen, is now at Makarere, and I nourish some fond hope that sooner or later I can get out to East Africa and see things there for myself.

An undergraduate at Yale, who through himself and his parents is my good friend, is Laurence Hewes. You would do me a favor if you would dig him up and widen his youngster mind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 20, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

We are as sorry as can be not to have you at the Williamsburg meeting. You are really to be a key figure in the subject that will be up, and your not being there will leave a real hole. But we will get it all out on the table and do as good a thinking job as we can.

I saw in great delight Jonathan's speech and rather think we will carry it soon in New South.

Walker tells me that a small meeting of our Arkansas friends will occur April 23, to do some first planning for a revived Arkansas movement. I count heavily on you for informal advice to them then and later on.

The enclosed first memorandum outlines the offer we can make. Do read it if you can possibly find the time. Copies of which were sent to the president of the Arkansas division and to the Arkansas members of the Board of the SRC.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

The Most Reverend Robert E. Lucy
Archbishop of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

My dear Archbishop Lucy:

You have given courage and great distinction to the whole South, and all the voices of progress in the region are grateful to you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Richard J. Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Dick:

Notwithstanding your and my conversations about an early start for South Carolina we are all held to the terms of Memorandum #1. What that really means is that unless you can get funds locally for engaging some, or even all of your personnel earlier than October, we cannot begin to shove you such funds until about October.

There is some leeway and it could be September. And we could, I suppose, in September pick up your payroll. But when we got actually into the figures I had to back down some from my first telephone conversations about releasing some states to pick up their paid personnel quite early. It is ~~pretty~~ a pity because the coming Summer will be a time when staff will be most needed. I did really hope that you could, in South Carolina, find some way to employ your paid executive at least in one of the Summer months. The hitch would be that you would have to show a way to balance your budget by September 30, 1955. The $1800 you are expected to raise in South Carolina goes toward balancing a budget, covering paid personnel from October 1, 1954, through September 30, 1955. If you employ people earlier, then the cold truth is that South Carolina will have to raise some money for so many months of the present October '54 fund as it arranges for.

I think you understand this anyway, but I make sure with a letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Marshall:

The Mayor and Council of Rock Hill, South Carolina, last week appointed a twenty man committee to explore human relations in the city. It is the second officially sponsored such body in the South. They are casting about for suitable By-Laws. I have caused the By-Laws of the Dade County Commission on Community Relations to be sent to them. I assume you have some sort of By-Laws or Constitution, or whatchama callit. Would you be so good as to send me a copy of them which I could send on to our friends in Rock Hill?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Morton Weiss
160-196 Marietta Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Bud:

That was as kind of you to write as could be. We are overborne by the responsibility, but hopeful that with the help of friends over the South we can get stable organizations going in each of the states.

I tried to get the news through to you ahead of the release by calling Louis Regenstein, but failed to get him on one or two trials, and then got swamped with things coming in.

We want you to be fully a part of all the Council does.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Joseph L. Clark
1421 Fourteenth Street
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Clark:

How kind of you to write. I think of you as one of the real props of the TC.

Our whole purpose is to strengthen in each state a body which can continue after this part of SRC help is over. If you and your friends will put yourselves solidly to the job, I will have no doubt that Texas will come out with a stable and still more effective organization in this field.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I have been slow about getting to your note of April 8. Meanwhile, here are ten copies of this good and popular speech. Memorandum #1 will have given you most of the details.

I have exchanged letters further with Emerson Smith and think the plan you and I checked over will go through. It will take some preparatory work on your part to build up sentiment in the state for an autonomous SRC-affiliated human relations agency in the state.

The Board meeting, by the By-Laws is the second Tuesday in November, which would make it Tuesday, November 9. The Executive Committee could wobble it back and forth, but I think it will probably be November 9. We count on your being present. If that is election day, I guess we would move it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Anne E. Queen
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Anne:

How very kind of you to write, and also to send us the clipping about Dr. David Jones. You or somebody sent us the editorial too. It is balm to the soul to people in our line of business to see a little piece of machinery work so neatly.

I hope by the time I get to Guilford you won't be going off to Indo-Whosis or wherever it is you are going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Charles C. Walker
1216 Chester Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Walker:

How very kind of you to write. A friend in Alabama wrote in that we would not be busier, but we would get more done!

It will need your strength and that of your friends to get going in Arkansas a long lasting and self-supporting human relations program. This is the chance! I greatly hope that you will all take it up, and with sound planning set on foot the best that Arkansas can do.

Do write me what happens at the meeting this Friday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
National Association For The Advancement of
Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Nice of you to write.

We are truly going to miss you at the meeting at Williamsburg, and I will let you know what may be the outcome.

The Fund for the Republic is willing, I think, to help us get paid personnel into each of twelve Southern States, and to keep them there for three years or a shade longer. Each State outfit will have to raise not a slight amount of money toward meeting its own budget, and we here will have to raise a lot to keep this office afloat. I hope each of the State programs can be under way by October or thereabouts. Meanwhile their job is to plan carefully for the right personnel and the best program. Ultimately each outfit must stand on its own legs.

We will need, and the State outfits will need, the advice and cooperation of the NAACP straight through. I know we can count on help from you in getting effective programs going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
North Carolina Mutual
Life Insurance Company
Station "A" Box 2036
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Clement:

Mighty nice to have your warm letter of April 10. I believe you (uniquely) had notions ahead of time that we would be helped! More to do, but more to do it with.

We'll be needing a lot of help, and will be calling on all our Board members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 20, 1954

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

I greatly appreciate your helpful letter of April 12. You will by now have had Memorandum #1 with more details. It is a serious challenge to you and your friends in Arkansas, but I know you can and will bring into being a stable and effective program.

I have heard from Mr. Walker and from my friend Ocie Lee Smith and from Harry Ashmore. And with you and these others planning it, I feel sure that something good will come out.

Stability, reasonableness, effectiveness, local autonomy — these are the watchwords.

Katherine Stoney and we appreciate your dues.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.
Hurt Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Louis:

It was as nice as could be of you to write April 12, and I appreciate it a lot. I tried to reach you by phone once or twice before the news broke. But I had no luck and got so swamped that I let the news release creep up on me.

It is a big and responsible job, but with the help of devoted people it can be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Hi! Nice of you to write.

It's more work, but more chance to get things done. Do give us some help in getting our North Carolina forces off dead center.

I'll be up that hill road some day, asking the neighbors for the Wren's Nest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Miss Erma M. Appleby
3025 Ontario Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Erma:

We miss you in these further parts. Nice of you to put yourself in such fine standing!

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 20, 1954

Mr. Tollie Caution
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Caution:

We are most grateful for the National Council's check for a thousand dollars which came in yesterday; it helps us very greatly indeed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

April 21, 1954

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
Race Relations Department
Board of Home Missions
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Galen:

Many thanks for April 9th letter with first report. I am sure that trip did much more in good than the amount it cost, and we are honored that the Department authorised it to be made in conjunction with the general plan.

Send on down the whole report when you get it done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1954

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

We are all so glad you can be at the Williamsburg meeting.

Begins May 6 at 7 o'clock dinner-time and ends after Sunday dinner May 9. The Williamsburg Inn has given us the whole of its Brick House Tavern, on the Duke of Gloucester Street, and we should all report there at the beginning, though dinner and all other meals will be at the main dining room of the Inn, a couple of blocks away.

Katherine Stoney wrote you yesterday about transportation. Let us know if you wish any particular arrangement made about meeting a train or what have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1954

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

Here are some people who would be useful at a July meeting of Church Secretaries, about which you wrote April 7.

A. C. Miller
Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
Baptist Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Lewis Deer
National Director, Department of
Social Welfare
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Elizabeth Stamats

Some appropriate official(s) of the WSCS. Ditto the WMU

Rt. Rev. Alfred Cole
Trinity Parish House
Columbia, S.C. (Chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Province of Sewanee of the Protestant Episcopal Church)
His opposite number for the Southwest

Tartt Bell
A.F.S.C.,
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Galen Weaver

John Q. Schisler

Malcolm Calhoun

The Secretaries of the Various State Councils of Churches in the South, as Emerson Smith in Virginia, and Kurtz in N.C., and Driscoll in Georgia.

Rev. Watson C. Moran
National Council,
P.E. Church
New York City

Rev. Clifford Earle or
Rev. Ben Sissel
Witherspoon Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.
(Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.)

When you get to the various Negro Church bodies I would have to get special advice, but such a list could readily be made up. Glad to give you our best advice if you wish it.

Let us help in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1954

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1511 Laurel
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Sounds most interesting, and we would like to hel
anywhere we can.

I think the basic organisation of the modern community will be by occupational or professional groups: but there is great need for the link-function tieing local groups together for over all betterment. I don't believe anyone can form a single organisation that combines the flossie lady in her apartment and the Italian fruit-store owner, but somebody should hook up the President of the Italo-American fruitiers society and the President of the flossies.

We count on your help in getting the S.C. Divisio
off to a new start.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 21, 1954

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are most grateful indeed for the Field Foundation's generous gift to the Southern Regional Council of $1,500, receipt for which is enclosed.

It will enable us to keep New South going for the rest of the year; a critical year when it's pilot-function is badly needed.

As you will have seen, the Fund for the Republic did help us on a good scale, with a grant to enable us to put paid personnel into each of twelve States, and enough left over to enlarge a little the central office here. But the budget has nothing in it for our publication, and nothing for the little job in research interpretation (as distinct from research) that we wanted to do. I note the statement the Board of the Field Foundation made that no commitment is made as to future aid to New South, but I would still like to be permitted later in the year to submit a project for a substantial reorganization of it that might appeal to your Board.

And for the rest of this year, again that blessed feeling that our printer's bills can be paid, in full, on the nail. We are most appreciative

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/
Encl.

April 21, 1954

Miss Jean D. Grambs
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Grambs:

This is an excellent piece of work, that will be very helpful indeed. I read it for flaws, and found nothing to pencil out, and little to pencil in.

Hereabouts it's ahead of the game, but helpfully ahead, and we expect to have to lumber through all these steps, clumsily and in many places with the maximum of confusion and opposition. But for every inch of circulation the pamphlet can obtain it will be easier. You get nearer to the detail, step by step procedure than anything I have seen. And that's what timid, uncertain people need.

One suggestion. Somewhere around p. 35 could there not be mention of the importance of having minorities represented on the school board by courageous and able people. You got near to that in the California matter, where they picked up for consulting a Spanish-American guy who looked nice but hadn't the support of his people. I'm talking mainly about the actual school board itself, though. That seems to us the beginning spot in the South.

Richmond, Newport News, Roanoke, Raleigh, Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Darlington County, S. C., Augusta, Atlanta, and Knoxville, besides just newly Greensboro, N.C., now have Negro members of their school boards, in almost all cases to everyone's great satisfaction. That's the wasp-waist with us, and that tiny nexus will be the first carrier of all the impulses of integration to come.

All praise to a good job. Hasten it into print!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 21, 1954

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And for the rest of this year, again that blessed feeling that ourprinter's bills can be paid, in full, on the nail. We are most ~~grateful~~. appreciative

April 22, 1954

Miss Lucile Gustafson
West Main Street
Batonia, Illinois

Dear Miss Gustafson:

We enjoyed having you, and wish you would come back. Nice to know that you will be getting NEW SOUTH. Let us help you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 22, 1954

Miss Emily Clay
1020 Granada Street
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Emily:

We appreciate the clippings, and the message. More work, but more to do it with.

Come up this way some time!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Roland Hayes' picture is in the Constitution this morning - to sing at Spelman.

April 22, 1954

Mr. Mayes Behrman
American Friends Service Committee
336 Church Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

The ADL, at their New York Office, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, published (in mimeo) in June, 1951 a compendium of dope on PUBLIC HUMAN RELATIONS AGENCIES, listing and describing, with budgets, etc., all the state and municipal agencies in this field then existing.

Here's an Am. J. Congress release along similar lines, but far less detailed.

Dade County, Florida, has a public sponsored Commission on Community Relations. Write to Seymour Samet, American Jewish Committee, 213 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, for dope.

Rock Hill, South Carolina did in the last few days through its Mayor and Council appoint a 20 person, white and Negro Committee on Human Relations, or some such title. For dope write Very Rev. Maurice Shean, C.O., The Oratory, Rock Hill, S. C.

That's the crop of Southern ones.

The Mayor of Atlanta has been considering one, but hasn't yet moved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 23, 1954

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Larry:

I am coming to New York the 28th and 29th and I will come to see you. And we can take up matters about the Commission for Equal Penalties.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 23, 1954

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The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
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Dear Larry:

I am glad to

April 23, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The CHATTANOOGA TIMES
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

I have not forgotten your letter of April 7th about the chairmanship of the Tennessee Division and getting it organized and going. I regard you as having resigned as chairman of the Tennessee Division, but I am to take you up on your offer to find the next man and help us get it going again on a really firm basis.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 23, 1954

Miss Elizabeth S. Magee
National Consumers League
348 Engineers Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Miss Magee:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 23, 1954

Mrs. Victoria Booth Demarest
1000 Tenth Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. Demarest:

I have promised to be in New York April 27th and 28th, but Harold Fleming or Katherine Stoney of our staff will be here, and either would be most happy to meet you and talk about whatever may be your main interest.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 1954

Professor William Warner Moss
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Warner:

Our Williamsburg meeting moves ahead. About 25 people, of whom 7 are Negroes, the whole group containing seven or eight ladies. Brick House Taven plus appurtenant Shop. First get-together 7 pm dinner, Thursday, May 6th. End of ceremonies, mid-day dinner, Sunday, May 9.

Katherine Stoney (Secretary-Treasurer) and I expect to drive up, and arrive in Williamsburg for night of the 5th.

You and Dorothy must please plan to have dinner with us all at 7:00 on the 6th.

More distinguished guests: Rufus Clement, Charles Johnson, Brooks Hays (and Mrs. Hays), Will Alexander, Alex Heard, Mrs. David Jones, of Greensboro, etc., etc.

Our first meeting will presumably be in the basement conference room of the Tavern at 8:30 or so, and thereafter we'll meet in the basement ballroom of the Inn (or do I confuse the dress-up Lodge?) A 'Pisky parson a'coming will be the Rev. Carroll Brooke, of Staunton. A Priest a'coming will be the Very Rev. Maurice Shean, C.O., of the Oratory, at Rock Hill, S. C. The Priest will presumably need arrangements to say Mass in the dawnings, but that will be his arranging.

I remember that you thought some choice very few of William and Maryers should come to some of the meetings, and that is most welcome, and I leave it to you. I remember you spoke of the Bruton Parish man in particular, and of others, who welcome when they will.

No press, no news.

We'll bring a secretary who can take notes on proceedings.

Dossie said I might stay chez you on the night of the 5th, which if still valid invite I warmly accept.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 26, 1954

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
Board of Social Welfare
UCMS.
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Overjoyed with the news about Sam Freeman! Here is a letter I have written to him.

Warmest thanks to you for all your planning and work to get this agreed on.

You will have heard that the Fund for the Republic has given us money to go ahead with state programs having paid personnel, and your office and friends are at work getting the Arkansas division toggetting going again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

April 26, 1954

Mrs. Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Stevens:

I have been pokey about answering your letter of April 13. You are quite right that it is going to take more detail to work out a plan with the local leaders, whose services you so kindly made available. Mrs. Tilly will go out and see them all in mid-May and try to bring around a plan they will likely agree to.

Mrs. Bragg wrote that she could not go out. We understand that and won't push her for it, although we are very grateful, indeed, to you for being willing to help us get the services of someone so very important and useful as Mrs. Bragg.

The whole business grows very nicely. Thus far the Congregationalists, the Episcopalians, and the Disciples, have either promised or sent people, besides the various arrangements worked out with other groups. Now if we can work out a favorable plan with your local leaders, we will feel that the plan is well underway. It does a world of good, because for the first time it adjusts the minds of local people actually to the changes that must come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to Mrs. Tilly

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April 26, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

A letter from Reverend T. R. Thrasher, secretary of the Alabama Division, dated April 23rd, states that the Executive Committee of the Alabama Division of SRC, meeting in April '54, elected Mr. H. C. Trenholm to the SRC as a representative of the Alabama Division.

April 26, 1954

Miss Thelma Stevens
Interdenominational Committee for
Cooperative Work in Racial and
Cultural Relations
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I can't, but Mrs. Tilly can and will come to the Kansas City meeting August 2-7. I have promised to be at Montreat the 6th and thereafter. You are much in my thanks for asking me, and it is what I would jump to go to if I hadn't promised the other business. But Mrs. Tilly is free, and will do you a more knowing job than I could.

It's on Mrs. Tilly's calendar, and you need only write her later on with program and travel details.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to Mrs. Tilly

April 26, 1954

Reverend Thomas R. Thrasher
Church of The Ascension
McDonough at Clanton
Montgomery 6, Alabama

Dear Reverend Thrasher:

I do greatly appreciate your letter of April 23rd, and I am glad to know that things are coming along so well in Alabama.

Sorry not to get there for the meeting on the 22nd, but I am available and can consult with you and the others a lot.

I note that Mr. Trenholm was elected to the Board in the meeting in December.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
CC: Dr. Dan C. Whitsett

April 26, 1954

Mr. Harris Wofford
Longhill
Woodbridge, Connecticut

Dear Harris Wofford:

I am glad to know that you are going to be back a little nearer. I have put your address in my notebook and sometime this Summer will drop in on you.

Meanwhile if you go picking around Mr. Yale's University, I have a young friend up there names Laurence Hewes — a junior this year I believe. His daddy is a good egg and the boy should be too.

Fleming and I both like the Bowles article and I believe Harold Fleming wrote Mr. Bowles in praise of it. We push that general approach ourselves most of the time. Though it is good stuff, I don't think it would profit us in particular to move it around — the point about us is that we are a Southern imprint.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 26, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We have had a brush with the Governor, or at least with his people. Here's a copy of an article that ran premonitorially and the one and only copy we have of the issue of *The Statesman* blasting us and the Fund for the Republic. It is necessary that you send back this issue of *The Statesman*. Leonard Haas is the sponsor for the attached answer. Fleming had only minutes to get up the answer, but I think they did very well. The afternoon paper, which had pressed us against an early deadline for reply, didn't care to run the story at all, but the wire services picked it up and The Constitution ran a sober story -- enclosed. You will have seen the little account in the New York Times about April 17. A few days after all this, the county commissioners of Georgia in Convention assembled at Savannah, shortly after being addressed by Mr. Talmadge, passed a flock of resolutions, one of which condemned the Ford Foundation [sic] for working to undermine segregation, etc. Since then we have not heard any more noise, but we expect to hear more. I sent all the material up to Freeman, who has replied unexcitedly.

We are collecting all editorial and news comment on the Fund for the Republic grant.

The idea about teaching the South the esteem of public interracial organizations such as are in the North and West is an excellent one and we are picking it up. Anna Holden is collecting the material, and fairly soon we will try to get that idea out and will repeat the theme later on.

There is a newsletter in from a library in Texas which we intend to print in an early issue of *New South*, keeping that matter alive.

Harold and I have talked at some length about the idea of a Finance Committee. Harold is close to being a member of a Finance Committee of a bank in St. Paul. He says the main job of such a Committee is to nurse investments for maximum income and to watch the markets for maximum security. We counselled Leonard Haas very closely on the putting about of funds and have lodged them as follows:

For State Divisions

Citizens Trust Co. - checking account	$ 18,800.00
Citizens Trust Co. - savings account	80,000.00
Fulton National - Savings certificates 12 @ $5,000.	60[illegible].00

For Central Office

*First National - checking account	$ 21,200.00
First National - savings account	20,000.00
C. & S. Savings Account at 2% interest	40,000.00
	$240,000.00

*Includes $6,500 for Williamsburg Conference

Leonard caused the bond of Katherine Stoney and George Mitchell to be upped to $50,000. He also said that it would cost only $31.00 more to bond all state personnel whatsoever. And we have agreed to amend Memorandum #1 and bond them in that way sooner or later. We are working with him towards workmen's compensation coverage and toward liability insurance, covering the minute and cheap risks that somebody damaged by an automobile accident would sue SRC.

I feel more heavily the need of program supervision than of supervision of the funds. I observe, however, that the By-Laws make provisions for the office of Comptroller, with duties to be defined. As a counter proposal to a Finance Committee, what do you think of naming somebody to be comptroller and having a standing duty of being sure that the money is on deposit and is in good order? This would have to be checked quarterly anway by the auditor. I am not much of a business man and I don't know, but couldn't the auditor also be comptroller? I am not against a Finance Committee if I can see its duties. My real feeling is that our eggs are safely stowed and I hesitate to pay three guys for not much more than sucking them every once in a while.

I like the idea about statements from leading Southerners on segregation in the schools. It would be hard to get them to say much until after the Court has spoken. But at least we can begin to think what people we ought to write.

I see the point of the business of a contract with each organized state group. We need to find a way to try to drum up a local sense of independence. Could we hold that until the next meeting of the Executive Committee and shape it up then?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 27, 1954

Dr. Lewis K. McMillan
State Agricultural and Mechanical College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Dr. McMillan:

Mr. Richard Foster of Greenville, South Carolina, has sent me the letter from Dean Green. Foster said that if I had an application blank I should sent it on to you. The truth is that we haven't gotten application blanks at all. It will be a matter of picking out people by interview and inquiry.

I rather expect that one associate executive will have to be shared between North Carolina dnd South Carolina, which means that the job of employing the associate would be up to Dick Foster and the chairman in North Carolina, who is the Reverend Leon C. Russell, First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

I think what you really ought to do is to take some early opportunity to be in touch with Dick Foster at Greenville.

I am not giving you a run around but picking the state people is not really my job. It will be the two state organizations that will have to live with the people chosen, and it is needful for the state offices to know exactly whom they are getting.

Sincerely,

George Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Richard J. Foster

April 28, 1954

Mr. A. Stephen Stephan
Department of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Stephen:

I got your letter about father's book, and you will duly get a copy. It is nine-tenths typed onto stencils, and before long we will be doing the mimeographing. I think it will cost about $2.00. You can safely send the $2.00 soonishly.

It is true that the Fund for the Republic gave us the first installment of the three year grant, to enable us to put paid personnel in each of the twelve Southern states. I have been in correspondence with Mrs. Bates in Little Rock, to get something going in Arkansas. They can employ a paid executive, drawing $5,000 for the first year and $5,500 for each of two further years, etc. But to save further correspondence, I send you a memorandum which outlines the planning. Do put your shoulder into this and make it go.

Undoubtedly, I will be getting to Arkansas sometime this Summer to look over whatever plans that the Little Rock group make, and hope we can get together, either at Little Rock or at Fayetteville.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

April 30, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Dr. Hill wrote in rather at length about Mrs. Lyells, and I have replied as enclosed. There is the problem of clearing proposed personnel with whatever other state or states would share a person's services; and all of that is a matter for you and Mississippi, and neighboring areas, to work out.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

April 30, 1954

Mr. Moshe Bitan
Histadrut House
33 East Sixty-Seventh Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Bitan:

Kind of you to send me the back issues of the Newsletter. I will look forward to the opportunity that will give me a chance in the future to keep up with things in Israel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

The Workshop I turn down, interesting and useful though I am sure it will be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar
18 Erskine Lane
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

Sorry to lose you, but mighty glad you are going to do what you will be doing. I hope in months and years to come our paths will criss-cross a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Professor John R. Bross
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Professor Bross:

Very nice of you to get some more Questions and Answers and Check Lists. They were sent out on the 27th.

Do get some people together in Talladega. It ought to be workable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Mr. Hugh Clegg
The University of Mississippi
University, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Clegg:

Many thanks for your letter of April 24th.

The grant will be used to strengthen, in each of the twelve Southern states, existing race relations organizations, mainly by enabling them to take on paid personnel. In Mississippi the Chairman of the SRC is Rabbi Charles Mantinband, 808 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

I do hope that the University will take a friendly interest in the development of our program in the state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Miss Jean D. Grambs
8502 Forty-Ninth Avenue
College Park, Maryland

Dear Miss Grambs:

Many thanks for your nice note of April 26. I still like the manuscript a lot and was at pains to praise it to various people the other day in New York.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to Rabbi Mantinband

April 30, 1954

Dr. P. W. Hill
339 Issaquena Avenue
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Hill:

Nobody has been a better friend of ours in all these years than you, and we are grateful for it.

Actually, the offer that we can make to each state is enough money for the state to employ the full time services of an executive and of a clerk, and employ jointly with another state the services of an associate executive. I am sure that the officers of the Mississippi Division of Southern Regional Council have been thinking of Mrs. Lyells as a candidate for some paid position in the program. It is really up to the people in each state to do the whole employing matter, although we would keep here a right to approve the personnel that they select. You may be very sure that we would like Mrs. Lyells if she should be the one chosen by the state program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 30, 1954

Mr. J. Francis Pohlhaus
1724 Seventeenth Street, N. W.
Apartment 82
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pohlhaus:

I am much interested in the things you do and have done. I greatly wish that there were some way for us to use your skill and knowledge. Although our grant is goodish, it is almost entirely for use in helping to get paid personnel in each of twelve Southern states, and each of the state organizations is going to have to get along without any paid legal service. Indeed, the Council office here gets all its legal work (which is comparatively little) done by one of our officers whose services are volunteered.

One of the problems of thinking Southerners is that there are, increasingly, people who want to help move the thing and the paid positions are so amazingly few.

I am sure you and I have many friends together, as I note, in some of your professors at Western Maryland, some who were fellow students of mine at Richmond College 'way back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Miss Elsa Alsberg
Palo Alto Fair Play Council
Room 8, 180 University Avenue
Palo Alto, California

Dear Miss Alsberg:

At Fayetteville, Arkansas, is Mr. Stephen Stephan, Professor of Sociology, white, with an Armenian background. At Little Rock, Arkansas is Mr. Ocie Lee Smith, 1500 Bishop Street, Negro, latterly an official of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. At Jackson, Mississippi, Mrs. Ruby Stutz Lyells, 1116 Montgomery Street. At Simmesport, Louisiana, is Father Marvin Borderlon, Box 455. Simmesport is a small community and the priest is well known. Very interesting developments on the revival of the economic underpinnings of rural Louisiana French culture.

At New Orleans, perhaps they would best start with Dillard University. The President is Dr. A. W. Dent, or they could be helped by Nouna Rouseve, who is on the faculty there. In Tennessee, they might visit Mr. W. A. Copeland at the main downtown office of the C.I.O. in Memphis. At Nashville, they should go to Fisk University and begin a friendship with Mr. Herman Long, Director of the Race Relations Institute. At Knoxville, they might see Mrs. W. J. Moulder of the Fellowship House of Knoxville, Box 725.

If they get to Atlanta, they would be very welcome to stay at the George Mitchell's house, 906 Lullwater. We have, ordinarily, two empty guest rooms.

I would be glad to hear directly from Mr. Geisterfer, and to plan anything further that he and Miss Morlisse would like.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 30, 1954

Miss Louise Young
Department of Sociology
Scarritt College for Christian Workers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Many thanks for your letter of April 27, and for the $1.49 that fully paid for the Q and A's.

I am sending to you the map that my daughter, Charlotte, did. Here high school budget would be much assisted by your kind $8.00.

A friend in Alabama wrote us, anent the new grant, that we would not be much busier but we would get more done! I depend on your sympathy and effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Mr. Robert Cornett
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Cornett:

Julia Allen says you might like our Southern Regional Council, and I hope you will. Here is a report for 1953 and two recent issues of our magazinelet, and a blue blank. The blue blank says about membership, and we greatly hope that you will join us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 30, 1954

Miss Julia F. Allen
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Julia:

Many thanks for your nice letter of April 28. Katherine Stoney is in heavy correspondence with your various secretarial suggestions, and I greatly hope that something helpful will come out of it.

Practically all of the money is to go into the states, and the only real openings we will have for professional employment are in the to-be-assisted state programs -- Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, etc. (twelve Southern states).

Nothing gives me more heartaches than to know of able people anxious to work in this field and to have no payroll on which to put them.

I have written Mr. Southwood and Mr. Cornett.

I wish I had twenty more Julia Allens scattered around!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 30, 1954

Miss Mary Esther Gaulden
196 North Purdue, 310
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Miss Gaulden:

Happily the daytime meeting of May 13th in Atlanta has been moved to the evening of May 12th. So I am free to come to Knoxville by some device allowing a safer margin of time than the late afternoon plane on May 13th.

I will come now on a plane which leaves Atlanta at 12:50 p.m., May 13th and arrives at Knoxville Airport at 2:13 p.m. If anything were to happen to that flight, I could drive and still get there in ample time for a 7:00 meeting. So, you may expect me in Knoxville on Flight 422 at 2:13 p.m. May 13th.

It is not necessary to have me met. I am quite all right coming into the city and going to the Andrew Johnson Hotel and busying myself one way or another until time for the 7:00 meeting that evening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Mrs. W. J. Moulder
Fellowship House of Knoxville
Box 725
Knoxville, Tennessee

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean
C.O.
512 Ebenezer Avenue
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

That is fine, and I will be available Wednesday evening, May 12th at 7:30 at the Dinkler Plaza, and will look forward to it greatly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

I hasten to get word to you that I will b in Williamsburg, Virginia from May 5th at about 5:00 p.m., through May 9th. Staying on May 5th at the home of Professor W. W. Moss, and May 6-9 at the Brick House Tavern. If by chance Miss Chown will be in the Williamsburg area at that time, that will be my only chance to see her.

Most of my staff will also be at Williamsburg for a conference during the period May 6-9 But, if Miss Chown will come to the Southern Regional Council's office, 63 Auburn Avenue, sh will find here Miss Anna Holden who will, undou ly be helpful to her.

I enjoyed the various people you send, an always do what I can to speed your work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

April 30, 1954

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund For the Republic, Inc.
One East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

When our attorney and Executive Committee member, Leonard Haas, was in New York in May of 1953, he took by the office of the Ford Foundation and discusses, with Gordon and Matthews, the contents of the relevant issue of One Methodist Voice, the Blake Craft blast. In any case, here is a copy of it and of an analysis of it which we prepared at the time. The memorandum was put together for the benefit of the members of the Board of Trustees having jurisdiction over the building in which our offices are. The Trustees found no cause to disturb us, and at the subsequent June conference of the Methodist Church for North Georgia, Mr. Craft was informed that the church had not been able to find a pastorate for him and he was put in some inactive status. I understand that he started, in later issues of his paper, to denounce his bishop, alleging that he, Craft, had been unjustly treated. We have heard little or nothing more out of it. It is believed that his publication has had some subsidy from Texas oil sources.

I will call on the 28th, and hope for time with you and Frank on the 29th.

Here are two copies of the completely unrevised first draft of an Agenda for the Williamsburg meeting. It has been out for some days with the absent members of the Steering Committee. And we hope to get it approved today or Monday.

The idea is that by spending about the first half of the meeting in going through these circumstances surrounding the school issue, the members of the Conference will begin to shape up things needful to be done in related fields. Then the last half of the meeting would try to get those things into package form.

We have had about twenty-four acceptances and it looks like a useful and hard working gathering.

Various of our state people are busily preparing for reorganization. We know of planning meetings which have occurred in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

May 3, 1954

Mrs. Dorothy L. Winer
Jewish Community Council
44 School Street
Suite 614
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Winer:

Race in the News is out of print. We have got a total of eleven copies in the files. I send you one, and now we have ten.

You are welcome to use any parts of it that you may want in any way at all, and we could give you another two or three copies and still feel safe. Whole price $.10 apiece.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 3, 1954

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

I want to come and talk with you at some early date about ways of tieing in inter-cultural ideas with what we will be doing.

I had a letter from Ken Douty, now at Asheville, and I have written him that there does not seem to be any spot in our show that would fit. We expand this Atlanta office hardly at all.

The money goes into twelve state programs to enable each one to take on full time paid staff. Those state staff people are going to have to be men or women with deep roots in their own states. And most of the states, I suppose, will pick people with pretty strong relationships with the church.

Ken is a man of great ability, and I am flattered by the thought that I could run a program that could attract Ken. The truth is that Ken ought either to be back in the law or he should go on up in the government.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1954

Mrs. W. J. Moulder
3100 Orlando Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Moulder:

Nice of you to write.

I have sent you a copy, on Saturday, of a letter to the Oak Ridge lady, saying that my plans had changed and that I could take an earlier plane up to Knoxville to be sure. The flight is number 422, Delta Air Lines, leaving Atlanta at 12:30 p.m. and arriving in Knoxville at 2:13 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

There is really no need to meet me because I could go on into the Andrew Johnson by myself. But nice to have company and instructions ahead of time.

I take the earlier plane so that if anything happens to Flight 422 I could drive and still get there. I will try to be specific in the speeching on things to do.

Here is life history and mats.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1954

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

That was very considerate of you to send over the clipping on the new Community Council in Rock Hill.

I feel very hopeful that wise planning in South Carolina will give you a really vigorous piece of machinery in a strengthened South Carolina Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1954

The woman who is now in charge of the Doris Duke Foundation is Miss Theiss, 41 East 57th Street. I don't know her initials and know only that she did child welfare work in New York for a long time.

GSM

May 3, 1954

Mr. David E. Swift
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Swift:

I saw Frank Loescher the other day, and he very kindly offered me some help from you in locating a useful field man to travel around the South. His job would be to get started and supervised the twelve new state programs in race relations which we are now authorized to build up.

It takes a man with judgement and character, and possibly he should be a youngish fellow because it will give him magnificant training and he could grow into the very greatest stature in all of these matters in the South. $7,000, perhaps $7,500. If you can tell me of one or two people who might be good, I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1954
April

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Friedman
99-19 Sixty-Second Road
Forest Hills, New York

Dear Folks:

Brother Mark Barry Friedman is hereby made titular President of the Forest Hills Division of the Southern Regional Council, with all the rights, privileges and duties thereunto appertaining. I am sure he will serve well.

Thank you for writing news, and about ours. We've got more to do, but happily more to do it with.

Action from the twenty letters cometh not yet, but we will be a'hoping.

Will they send you hereabouts? Nice if they would.

Sincerely, and best to all,

George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab

May 3, 1954

Professor Forrest LaViolette
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Professor LaViolette:

I am looking for a man to do a field job in the South. I ran across a man named Noel E. Parmental, Jr., who must have left Tulane about three or four years ago. Went on up to Minnesota and did a degree in sociology or something like it.

What I need to know about him is character, judgement, presence, perseverance, and such things.

Then too poke around 'mongst his teachers and tell me anything you can hear favorable or unfavorable about him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Our friend, Blake Craft, broke loose again with the enclosed catechism.

It still seems to me unwise to sue the man, but there should be some comprehensive way to get him answered. Please put your mind on the matter.

I will expect you here Saturday, May 15th, and we can talk about it some then.

Also, the Statesman still jumps, as witness enclosed letter to David Freeman.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

May 3, 1954

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
444 East Twentieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Gene:

Grand party -- the first fixings, and chicken and the corn bread quite in particular, the very special dessert, and the copany, and the conversation.

My best to Mademoiselle Sutton Courtney.

On your trip you would have a good time afoot in Cornwall, or in the Cotswolds, or walking through from Stirling to Ballachulish. If you go to Oxford, by all means find the dock where one takes a punt on the Cherwell. Pack some lunch and get in a punt and poke your way a mile or two up the Char and moor to a willow, push under a bank, and hop to a buttercuppy meadow and spread out the strawberries and clotted cream, and lobster salad, and a bottle of white wine, and some cake. One of the bigger tea shops at the Cornmarket would happily pack you such a lunch for eighteen bob, and it would be worth it. But pick a sunny day!

Principle of poling a punt is that when you are at the stern pushing one way, the bows go another. After you catch on, simple enough. Wear not your shiniest clothes because an amateur punter always gets dripped on from the pole coming up from the water.

Also at Cambridge, I suppose, they punt along the Backs and go up to Granchester for tea, and they hope for the sly shade of a Rural Dean.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 4, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I did at once this morning, when your letter came, telephone Dr. Fulmer and asked him to come to the Williamsburg meeting. Unfortunately he had engagements the whole weekend and could not come. But he appreciated the link with you and the invitation.

Delaware, you may remember, is an old stamping ground of mine through father, so it was a special pleasure for me to be poking around by long distance in my home town.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1954

Mr. George Hundley
1515 Marine Street
Boulder, Colorado

Dear George:

Nice to talk with Chichi this morning!

I am traveling around a good deal soon, but will be back in Atlanta on Monday, June 14. If it should suit you to come over to talk with us in Atlanta, I would be glad to pay for your travel here and back. I do not know at all if anything would turn up with SRC, but I would be willing to explore the possibility. If June 14 is an ill date with you, it would be possible to see me, though not the other members of our staff, during the week of June 7-11 at Guilford College near Greensboro, North Carolina, where I will be teaching that week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mack

May 4, 1954

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I had best not attend this Workshop.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1954

Miss Mary Esther Gaulden
196 North Purdue, 310
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Miss Gaulden:

Thank you for your letter of May 2. Your plans sound most attractive.

I wrote you the other day that my new time of arriving in Knoxville, weather permitting, is 2:13 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Weather not permitting flying, I will drive and arrive in time for the supper. That is on the 13th.

I have a fullish day on the 15th back in Atlanta, and it is naturally a little more convenient to take the 7:17 flight in the evening, May 14th, from Knoxville. But I am perfectly willing to be up at dawn and take the 7:00 p.m. on the 15th from Knoxville to Atlanta, though that imposes upon somebody's being kind enough to get me clear over to the Knoxville airport by 7:00 early in the morning. I don't mind being up and suppose we can count on that if it fits in best with your plans for the evening of the 14th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1954

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I had a fullish letter from Marion Wright this morning, giving more details on the Commission on Equal Penalties. In conference with Guy Johnson he has chosen Bartow County, Georgia, Forsyth in North Carolina, Montgomery, Alabama, Caddo Parrish, Louisiana, Clarendon in South Carolina, and Attala in Mississippi.

The period they will cover will be from January 1, 1949, to December 31, 1953. Crimes studied will be homicide, felonious assault, sex offenses, and crimes against property, including burglary, larceny and embezzlement. They will deal only with courts of general jurisdiction having circuit judges.

The areas chosen will give a cross section of urban and rural communities. Six Haverford students will convene in Atlanta on May 15th to be briefed. They will use questionnaires which Guy Johnson is working out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1954

Mr. Don McKee
111 Furnald Hall
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Don:

We have gotten a new chance to do some things in the South with a grant from the Fund for the Republic.

I would like to talk with you about your coming to work with us. No commitment either way as yet -- exploration only! A convenient time would be some time during the meeting this weekend at the Brick House Tavern at Williamsburg, Virginia, where I and many of our people will be present in meetings, beginning Thursday night at 6:00 and ending at mid-day dinner on Sunday, May 9th.

I am not asking you to come as a participant in the meeting, but merely to drop in at some time during the meetings so that I and various others may talk with you. If this is a bad time to be interviewed -- rush of thesis and all that -- say so, and we will work out some other time later on.

I will be glad to pay your expenses for coming to Williamsburg, or if need be, to Atlanta later on.

Another opportunity would be at Guilford College, June 7th through 11th, where I will be teaching for that week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

COPY TO KS

May 5, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Regional Director
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
121 East Third Street
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Many thanks for your letter of May 3. I don't know at all what might work out, but I would like to see you.

I will be at Guilford College at the Institute they are having from June 7-11. What do you think of your dropping up at some time during that week and we could talk some about it.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 5, 1954

Re: letter from George Hundley.

Called his wife May 4th and she suggested that I should write George to come over to Atlanta to be looked over for a possible job with SRC. No commitment whatsoever to employ.

May 5, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am returning Mr. Fulmer's letter to Mr. Haskell, and the accompanying material. We have read this with the greatest interest. I can see coming up some new articles for New South on the progress and change in Delaware and these items have been most helpful toward working up such an article.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 5, 1954

Mr. J. Max Bond
President
University of Liberia
Monrovia, West Africa

Dear Mr. Bond:

How very nice to have your letter! My remoter juvenile connections will cherish also the generous supply of Liberian postage stamps.

Your stature in all these matters far exceeds mine, and I have a little difficulty in adjusting my mind to a situation in which you would be working, in a sense, for me. But I will build a program insofar as I have influence with the various states, having in mind the possibility that you would be available. I talked yesterday with J. M. Tydings, who is head of the Kentucky Division of the Southern Regional Council, and asked him to keep a lookout for the suitable next thing for you to do.

It is a great gain to all of us in the South that you are disposed to come back. We can't be certain at all what may work out in or with the Southern Regional Council, but I will do my best to find and let you know of whatever may be a suitable opening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. J. M. Tydings

May 11, 1954

Miss Mary E. Frayser
316 Aiken Avenue
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Mary:

I wrote Mr. Edwards and told him that if ever a lady from Virginia deserved to have answered her request to come home to Virginia and be made comfortable, t'was thee.

I think from Culpepper one can see pretty clearly the Blue Ridge. The town was my grandfather Broadus' birthplace, and somewhere in it to this good day are certain old ladies named Stringfellow. Cousins, and of that generation.

Virginia boasts of many things, some rightly and some wrongly. I suppose her proudest and mightiest boast is that trickle of her sons and daughters having the quality of public-mindedness. And high on her banner is a star for Mary Frayser.

You and I sat together once in a meeting in the hall of the House of Representatives at Columbia. Nearby was a large plaque for some dear lady from South Carolina who had kept alive -- save the mark -- the UDC. And the legislature of South Carolina praised her with the words: "Gifted in the art of persuasion to noble ends."

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Dr. J. T. Edwards, Superintendent
Virginia Baptist Home for the Aged
Culpepper, Virginia

My dear Dr. Edwards:

Miss Mary E. Frayser of 316 Aiken Avenue, Rock Hill, South Carolina, tells me that she is making application for admission to this home -- not immediately, but she wishes to be accepted in advance of the time when admission my become urgent. Miss Mary has all her life been a tower of strength to good causes. It happens that the latter part of her career has been identified with South Carolina, but she is a Virginia by upbringing and in her spirit, and she deserves the privilege of resting in the last years of her life among Virginia people.

Her thought, knowledge and experience, cover a wide range. And they have been throughout all her life at the call of the christian impulse.

She is strong still in mind and not too weakened in body but what she can engage with surprising agility in needful public tasks.

I know you have the problem of too many applicants for too few places. Still, I think Virginia has some special duty to offer shelter to Miss Mary when she asks to go home to her state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

David Andrews
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear David:

All straight for the Institute. And I hope I understand my activities in it.

I would like to have my wife along. Of course, at the Mitchell family's expense. I can rarely get away with her and this is a time when we could.

Also, I am driving my children up to, or toward, a camp in New York State between June 3 and 6. I will try to get myself, with Alice, back down as far as Greensboro by the evening of Sunday, June 6, in time for the Harrington speech. But if I do not appear until 8:30 on the morning of Monday, June 7, do not worry about me. I will appear.

All my travel will be by car and you need not worry. I will show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

Thank you for your letter and for the good news of the Knoxville group. I am sure the fact that it is kept going is very largely due to your services to them.

I think if you wrote to the AFSC at 104 "C" Street, N. W., Washington 2, D. C., they would send you a good supply, though not as many as 500 copies of the Washington pamphlet.

I have taken no steps to get reprints of Look's May 4 issue. The address is 488 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York. If they made some reprints, they will probably give them to you free.

The Fund for the Advancement of Education, 655 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, has just completed, and the University of North Carolina Press publishes May 16, an excellent volume, edited by Harry S. Ashmore of the Arkansas Gazette, called The Negro and the Schools. Will sell for $1.00 a copy in paper covers. Gives all the dope on the situation as of about Christmas time 1953. Fresh facts and figures state by state. Experiences in border states and towns. The law. And so on. Also, Harold Fleming of this office has turned over to the Public Affairs Committee in New York a manuscript which they propose to publish May 16, boiling down the Ashmore Report. They ought to be a quarter or so.

In addition to that one, SRC will issue just a few days after the Court's decision -- by present plan -- its own brief breakdown of the Ashmore Report with the addition of some recommendations to the South on how to get ahead with the job.

You have got a peach of an idea in proposing to get out a little pamphlet for Knoxville. Do you as yet know enough about numbers of the population, and the locations, and the schools, and the conditions, and the teachers, and so on, to be able to expound the Knoxville situation simply. If you don't then that is what the group should aim towards having and printing.

Knoxville could be a pioneer community in this for the whole South. If you and we learn how to do a booklet on a local school situation, then the skeleton of the booklet could be used in many other places. Hint: Try making up a plan just for the needs of Knoxville without any regard to race, and then play around some with the regrettable modifications of an honest plan, which modifications might be insisted upon by others. In that way a town could see how much it is paying for its prejudice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

Back from Williamsburg! Nothing startling came out.

A good meeting well and appreciatively attended. Perfect circumstances.

Some dozen short-range things to do; some that need some work on them immediately, with others work later; some slower still; and some postponable for a year or two. I think, on the whole, the long-range things are thought out better than the short-range things. The best thoughts were in the field of public information.

We are working on a full report and will, of course, send it to you the moment it is done.

Interesting to me that the worthwhile recommendations run along occupational groups. Do things through Junior Chamber of Commerce; do things through business leaders; do things through educators; through church bodies; through teachers; PTA's; and so on.

The people who came professed to having a satisfying time working things over. I should not be surprised but what a considerable result from the meeting will be the things that those present are going to start doing independently on various projects.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

CC: Frank Loescher
GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Reverend Francis Craighill
Bruton Parish Church
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Reverend Craighill:

You were a faithful and most helpful part-taker in the meetings at the Brick House Tavern, and we are all deeply grateful for your company, encouragement, hospitality, and ideas.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Mrs. Terry Johnson King
213 Northeast Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Terry:

I have been out at a meeting and only just got back to your letter of May 4. I am not going to Washington, but I will be here May 14, 15, and 16. Expect to be in office all day 15th and at home, DEarborn 5961 on May 16. Seven people in town and things popping on the 15th, but not popping so hard but what I could get you into the ruckus. The 16th should be peaceful with wide stretches of green grass and Methodist church bells playing slow hymn tunes. These you prefer.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Mr. Harold O. DeWitt
Assistant Supervisor of Personnel
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. DeWitt:

It took me until leaving time to connect you and your notable article in New South.

That one has done a lot of good, and was clearly the result of careful fact-finding.

We all had a grand time at Williamsburg, and are deeply appreciative of the carefully planned and perfected performance of the whole staff that was concerned.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Mr. John Goodbody
ASBB
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Goodbody:

You and all of Williamsburg were kindness and effectiveness in arrangement itself for our whole group at the recent conference at the Brick House Tavern, and we are deeply appreciative.

It added greatly to the success of the meeting for it to be in just those surroundings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

You will observe various verbal changes in this mimeographed letter, as against the letter sent you May 5th. This later draft is more accurate and should become the official one in your files.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Dear The Walkers:

It was a special pleasure to have you both for the dinner, and to have Mrs. Walker for such few of the meetings as she was able to come to.

We all learned a lot out of the occasion and wasn't it nice that all concerned at Williamsburg did so well?

Among many reasons why I wanted you both to come was one unsaid: It will take me many invitations to overcome those sad events way back at Banner Elk when the Walkers had to travel for scores of miles of mountainous roads to have a place to sleep.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Walker, Jr.
635 Twenty-Fifth Street
Newport News, Virginia

May 11, 1954

Mr. Philip Coombs
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Phil:

We all had a notable experience at Williamsburg. Report is being prepared and will come to you as soon as it is done -- which should be quite soon. Nothing startling came out, but many good suggestions on things to do quickly and more slowly. And the meeting put new energy into the many causes which those present are already at work upon.

Dr. Johnson and I, and one or two others, called on Mr. Goodbody, but too late in the weekend to find him with free time to come to any of the meetings.

Williamsburg was the perfect place for the meeting, and I am sure the town and the College and the people and the Restoration made many useful new friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 11, 1954

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

All of us concerned with the recent meeting at the Brick House Tavern are deeply grateful to you and to all who helped make your part of the Restoration run so smoothly.

Everyone was delightfully comfortable, and most of those who were there drew me aside at one time or another and expressed appreciation of the opportunity to meet in that way at Williamsburg.

My warm admiration of the smoothness with which your whole operation works.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Katherine Stoney

May 12, 1954

Mr. Norwood Calhoun Harrison
519 Parkview Drive
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am interested in what you have done and do do. For the moment I haven't any offer to make you, but I would like to be acquainted with you.

The Gwathmeys at Converse are my friends.

I could pay your expenses for travelling and train-riding over here. But my days of being in town in the near future are not many. May 18, 19, 20, or 22, would do, or May 31 or June 1.

I will be at Guilford College near Greensboro on June 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Also, I will be driving through Spartanburg June 2nd or 3rd and could see you there.

If a Spartanburg stop is to work out, you had best give me an office address there for you, as well as you home address, 519 Parkview Drive.

I have a high school daughter duly active in your Beta Club.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

May 12, 1954

Mr. H. Harry Giles
New York University
157 West Thirteenth Street
New York 11, New York

Dear Harry:

Many thanks for Arthur Graham's name. I am going to Oak Ridge for a couple of days this week and no doubt I will be somewhat in Mr. Graham's custody, and certainly in his company. So I will keep my eyes open.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 12, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. William Warner Moss
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Dossie and Warner:

The two of you -- the five of you -- played a big part in making me and Kack Stoney, and all our conference group feel quite at home in Williamsburg. We are lastingly appreciative of so many kindnesses.

Ellen was much excited to hear from your telephone call that she is truly in. And the more in wonderment when I got home and explained through how tiny a funnel she arrived. Mr. Cunningham's letter making all official and getting 25 bucks has come too.

Alice and I will do our best to get to Williamsburg in the course of our early June traveling, but can't yet quite map out the trip.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 12, 1954

Mr. Samuel F. Freeman
Park Avenue Church
Disciples of Christ
Park Avenue at Seventeenth Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Freeman:

That is the best of news and we are very grateful.

Your territory would be east of the Fall line in North Carolina and/or South Carolina. The head of SRC for us in North Carolina is Reverend Leon Russell, Jarvis Memorial Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. In South Carolina the head man is a Juvenile Court judge named Richard Foster, who lives at Greenville and has his law office in the Curb Market Building in Greenville: His telphone is 5-3011. I am having run off for you and sent separately the names and addresses of some of our members who live in that part of each state. Our records have no notation of race and except by luck I don't know who is who in that matter.

At Columbia, you could be in touch with our people through F. Clyde Helms. On of the most helpful friends to you in South Carolina would be Mr. James Dabbs, who lives on a plantation called "Rip Raps" in Maysville, but more conveniently reached from Sumter, South Carolina. Miss Rebecca Reid from Sumter, a long time SRC member, could direct you to Max Bliss. He writes for the Presbyterian publication and knows the State intimately. Former professor of English at Coker College. If you take in Rock Hill, where many interesting things are happening, you could start with Miss Dorothy Jones who teaches sociology at Winthrop.

You are, of course, much better off as you suggest, with a car. Last half of July it is quite all right though hot.

The Episcopal bishop in Columbia, Bishop Cole at the Trinity Parish House, is influential in the matter all over the Southeast, as Chairman for the Division of Social Education and Community Action, National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church for all these Southeastern states gathered into the Province of Sewanee

I really think names are almost superfluous. Start on the track and let one lead pass you on to another. Helpful to see editors if you hear there is any spark of interest in them. Ministers and church workers in particular; school officials where you hear of some interest.

We will have materials for use by discussion groups. New ones are just about to come out and I will see that you are sent copies of what may be available around July 1. And then you could have a supply of what you want sent to you where you say.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to Lewis Dear

May 17, 1954

Mrs. Iola Jones
Regional Director
Council of Negro Women
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Many thanks for your kind letter of May 6. I would have answered it sooner, but I have been out at a meeting and I have just gotten back.

We will do anything we can to further an interracial discussion group on schools and courts in Florence.

If you will get a group together, I will be glad to come over to talk with them. Or you would find informed and competent help from J. M. Dabbs, "Rip Raps," Maysville, South Carolina. He taught English at Coker for years, and now from his plantation supports all good causes in the Presbyterian Church. Formerly the Chairman of the Southeastern Division of the Southern Regional Council. Another very able person is Miss Carolina Gillespie, Route 1, Hartsville, South Carolina.

I am running around so fast that it is hard to catch me, but if you name a date when I could get over, I would. Another resource still would be a young woman who teaches at Winthrop named Miss Dorothy Jones.

You will find that Rock Hill has an official Human Relations Committee going. It may well be that Florence could strike tender from that. Mr. Goudlock would know all about it, or Dr. Laney, or Dr. Jones.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 18, 1954

Librarian
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

My dear Sir:

You will recall the recent correspondence in the matter of Miss Lucy Randolph Mason of this city.

Miss Lucy's mental condition has greatly deteriorated in recent weeks and on May 10th, by court order, she was placed under the guardianship of her cousin, Dr. Minor Blackford, of this city at 104 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E. Dr. Blackford requested Miss Margaret Fisher of Andrews, North Carolina, a confidante of Miss Mason's, and myself to distribute the remaining file material in Miss Mason's apartment.

Miss Fisher and I have decided that the several folders relating to Miss Mason personally should go along to the Duke Library. So far as we know, no one in Miss Mason's immediate circle has any present plan to produce a published memoir on her life, and we thought that the materials already at the Duke Library would be illumined for any subsequent researchers by these personal items.

These additional file folders, with your consent, are therefore given to the library at Duke University under the same stipulations as governed the earlier materials sent to you.

Miss Mason, herself, is presently a patient at Brawley's Sanatorium at Smyrna, Georgia, and is incompetent to communicate on a matter of this kind.

All concerned are grateful to you for taking over the care of Miss Mason's files, and we are happy that these more intimate items will also be in your permanent care.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1954

Mrs. Demas T. Craw
League of Women Voters of Albermarle
RFD 2
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Craw:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 8th. A package of literature and a bill have gone on to you.

We are at work on such a set of questions as you suggest (questions to be put to the school board members, etc.) but we have only just begun and it will be weeks before we finish it. The idea is to try to get the local public school officials to make up a plan for the education of all the children: How many kids? how many teachers? what buildings where? paying no attention to race. If then the officials want to warp the honest and minimum expense plan in order to carry out racial segregation, that is their lookout. But they will know what is being done.

We do not have in print anything that describes SRC, though we are trying to get something together. Here is some old mimeographed material and a 1953 report. Also a copy of the statement of SRC's Executive Committee at the time of the Ford Foundation grant. I acknowledge our need of a neat pamphlet, but we have been too poor and too busy to get it done so far.

Excellent that you are interested in the League of Women Voters in Virginia.

Have you thought of forming a small committee of private persons in Charlottesville or in Elbermarle County which would find the facts and publish conclusions and recommendations? That is probably one of the best things you can do.

Sorry that since my letter of April 21 to you we have had to postpone publication date for SRC's reduced version of the Ashmore Report. We are intentionally holding it until after the Court's decision so that we can make recommendations in the light of what the Court says. But the Public Affairs Committee 's pamphlet is to come out May 16 and you should write them at 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, New York.

I also extract from a small hoard a prepublication copy of the Ashmore Report. Well for you to read it but be sure that you and any others strictly observe the rule of no printed or public notice of the book until its publication date, May 16.

Do come join us at SRC and then you will get New South straight along, and help build up our strength in Virginia. I could find a good many friends in Charlottesville: Francis Duke, or Winkie Barr, or Mrs. J. C. Metcalf. And I even have a cousin somewhere down towards Locust Grove -- Nonine Sinclair.

Do me also the favor of hunting up a nephew who is a graduate student in English at the University, named Sidney Mitchell. Believed to live somewhere like Forest Park Avenue. In a dither about to be married all pennilessly, but a good kid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

May 18, 1954

Miss Louise Young
Department of Sociology
Scarrit College for Christian Workers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

My daughter, Charlotte, was delighted to have your generous check for the map. She found herself in the complication of dues to various high school outfits at Commencement time and distributed the proceeds rapidly into action channels.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 18, 1954

Mr. J. M. Tydings
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Manser:

Nice to have the news of things going along so well in Kentucky.

I got off a general letter the other day that will give some outlines for by-laws, but I find it a pretty complicated business to draw them up in detail, and it will be another ten days before I get them done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 18, 1954

Mr. Gordon Blackwell
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

You were a most helpful member of that meeting, and the things you and Phil Hammer sent in were by all odds the best work done.

We have put together on the shorthand pad a quite full account of the whole meeting, and I think you would find it gives you all you want, but if on some particular item you want what I have not, I will dig into your original.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 18, 1954

Mr. Alexander J. Allen
Executive Director
Urban League of Pittsburgh
200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Allen:

In reply to Mr. Schwartz's NAIRO Memorandum from the Department of Local Private Services on tentative criteria for personnel standards, here are the following:

1. A man or woman who has taken a Master's degree in Sociology or economics, or who has had theoretical training with a social science interest, is good material.
2. Our work in the South makes heavy demand on experience and ability in personal contact and soundness of judgment, more so than it does upon special training qualifications.
3. Generally speaking, we find that any Southern person brought up in a place having a considerable proportion of Negro residents and who has had a thoughtful concern for public welfare can learn this technique. We would want longer years and wider experience for a professional person, and still more for a supervisory person.
4. The person should have travelled over good portions of the South, should know something about business, and industry, and labor; should have been successful in working relationships with the churches and other community agencies; and should have succeeded in situations requiring balance and good judgement.
5. I am not much in favor of rigidly locked personnel standards.
6. Tact, great purpose, energy, imagination, kindness of spirit, and alertness to forces around them are the main things I look for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Copy to Mr. Myron Schwartz

May 18, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

From: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

On or about June 2, a Haverford College research student, named Charles V. Brown, will arrive at Cartersville, Georgia, to stay for several weeks. He is one of six such students going out to selected counties to review in county court records the incidence of crime in certain categories, 1949-53. He will be working under the direction of a group of senior sociologists.

We wish him to be introduced at the court house by some member of the Cartersville bar. The local lawyer should be prepared to assist this young man with occasional advice and in providing the normal courtesies of sociological inquiry at the court house. It will be possible to pay a modest fee, say $25.00, to the lawyer for this kindness.

Will you advise me as promptly as possible of a suitable lawyer at Cartersville.

May 18, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Katherine Stoney

From: George S. Mitchell

May 11, at the request of Margaret Fisher, serving as agent for Dr. Minor Blackford, guardian for Lucy Mason, I went through Lucy's files. Certain published items which I deemed to be available in large quantities elsewhere were destroyed, but those items which in my guess had permanent value or scarcity I saved out and put now into the possession of SRC. I would appreciate it if sometime when there is time this box could be sorted and appropriately washed into SRC files.

Three groups of materials at least are there. One is publications that Lucy Mason was responsible for the publication of herself. That is the pamphlet of A. Steve Nance.

Now certain others, readily observable, which are possibly unique survivals of certain pamphlets of Lucy's, I suggest be separately filed, because at certain times there may be demands for Lucy's publications.

Another is a continuous run of back issues of New South. These might well be ransacked for the scarce copies in our files and simply put in SRC files for back numbers. For instance, one or two of the December-January ones and two or three copies of Race in the News. Certain items relating miscellaneously to labor here in the South might well be filed separately. These might well go into our general collection of certain items relating specifically to textile labor as sooner or later I or somebody else will write a book on "Textile Industry in the South," and these items, if separately filed, will be handy.

We are also presented with a couple of boxes of useful manila envelopes and miscellaneous small items of office equipment.

~~Green copy~~
~~until located~~
Daily file

May 18, 1954

Miss Dallas Johnson
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East Thirty-Eight Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Dallas:

Nobody has sent me the manuscript of "The Negro and the Schools," as about to be published by Public Affairs Pamphlets, but I read it when Harold Fleming here writ' it.

To tell you the truth, we think the form in which you are putting it out is best adapted for the nation-wide -- not quite to say the Yankee -- market. We are going to get out one ourselves, presumably just a few days after the Court speaks, which we think will be still more useful within these Southerns. Ours proposes to still surpass the summary of Ashmore's, analyzing the meaning of the decision and spouts and says to the South some things to do.

But we are telling all inquirers that you are about to get out a honey of a pamphlet. Some people would write to us for them and we had better have on hand 100 copies of yours. But no imprint except your own imprint. So, here is sixteen bucks, transportation charges included, for 100 copies of yours.

It takes strong will to stay home and do all that we will have to do. The easy thing is to take off and sit high in fancy hotels while the ladies stay at home and scrub and cook and baby tend. Howsomever, I notice these husbands are mighty glad to get back home.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Why not consult your high boss and see whether it is in his big heart to give us 100 copies for free, on account of Mr. Harold C. Fleming writ' it. If you find that in the big heart, send the check back to SRC.

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Encl: Check for $16.00

May 18, 1954

Mr. Samuel Freeman
Park Avenue Church
Park Avenue at Seventeenth Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Here is the list of names and addresses of some of the SRC members who live in the sections of North Carolina and South Carolina designated as your territory in Dr. Mitchell's letter to you of May 12.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
George S. Mitchell

May 19, 1954

Mr. Charles V. Brown
318 Barclay Hall
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Brown:

A respected attorney in Cartersville, named W. C. Henson, has agreed to serve as your contact, and to assist you in getting started, and from time to time as need be, with advice during your stay in Cartersville. On your arrival there you should report to his office.

We offer Mr. Henson only the tiniest token compensation. You should not make unnecessary demands on his time. I am sure you will find him deeply interested in what you will be working at.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 19, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I talked with this man, Henson, by phone. He was recommended warmly by Mrs. Tilly and has helped the Georgia Interracial Committee in the past. I have also written Brown that Henson is his contact.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 19, 1954

Mr. W. C. Henson
Attorney-at-Law
Cartersville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Henson:

I am grateful for our telephone conversation this morning.

We have been preparing for some time to establish a voluntary and South-wide Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law, which we hope will be composed of a distinguished body of Southern persons, many of them connected with the law. We wish to arm the prospective Commission with the results of some fresh research into the incidence of crime in a representative group of Southern communities.

The latter is being administrated by the President of the Southern Regional Council, Marion A. Wright, a member of the South Carolina Bar, who practiced for years at Conway, South Carolina, and now lives at Linville Falls, North Carolina.

Mr. Wright has arranged for a sociology student at Haverford College, named Charles V. Brown, to be in Cartersville for approximately a month, beginning about June 2, 1954. Brown's purpose will be to draw from the docket or other available public records the cases occuring in a five year period, ending December 31, 1953, in four stated categories of crime, recording the sentences and whatever may be the ultimate penalties.

He will need some friendly help in being introduced to the officials at the Court House and from time to time during his stay at Cartersville will doubtless need, also, occasional advice as to procedure and people.

If you will be so kind as to help him in this way, though with no more than slight devotion of your own time, we would be exceedingly grateful for it, and we can send you a modest $25.00.

Mr. Brown has competent academic sociological advice available in Haverford College and from other sources from within the South.

I have met the young man and found him personable, and we have talked with him as to his procedure in checking the merely factual record of the various law cases involved.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copies to:

Marion A. Wright
Katherine Stoney

May 19, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

I learned that Mr. Thomas P. Fitzgerald of Shreveport, Louisiana, has a new address which is the Giddings Lane Building.

May 19, 1954

Mr. E. Berkeley Harris, Jr.
Tower
Barclay Hall
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Harris:

All straight about a contact lawyer for you at Shreveport. His name is Thomas P. Fitzgerald and his office is in the Giddings Lane Building. He will be expecting a visit from you within a short while after you arrive at Shreveport and will be prepared to assist you with friendly advice in getting started over at the Court House, and from time to time as may be needed. Bear in mind that we give Mr. Fitzgerald only a token fee, and you should not unduly burden his time with your requirements.

We have been assisted in this matter by Father Joseph B. Gremillion at St. Joseph's Church. You will find him a most knowledgeable person, and I hope you will make an early call on him.

Another good friend will be Miss Elsie Wilson, Council of Social Agencies, Shreveport, who has a good deal to do with the charitable agencies in Shreveport. You should call on her fairly soon after you get started.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

May 19, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

The attached document indicates that all is clear on the matter of Berkeley Harris at Shreveport, Louisiana.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 19, 1954

Mr. Thomas P. Fitzgerald
Attorney-at-Law
Giddings Lane Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I am grateful for word through Father Gremillion that you will be so very kind as to take on advising Mr. E. Berkeley Harris, Jr.

For a couple of years we, at the Southern Regional Council, have been trying to find a way to arouse an interest within the Bar in the South on the problem of equal penalties in courts of law. Our plan is at an appropriate time to request the convening of a small body of people from over the South distinguished, in many instances, in the law, and after they have had the opportunity to examine the results of fresh research it is hoped that they would make some pronouncement as to trends in this matter, and give some expression of feeling that the South should follow this or that course in achieving, at its own pace, a passibly defensible status in the matter of court sentences awarded by race. As a matter of fact, no one knows what the present practices are, and it is with the view to obtaining an accurate picture of the present practices that several young men are being asked to undertake a check of the cases for a five year period, ending December 31, 1953.

I have met young Berkeley Harris, and talked with him extensively several days ago. He is a personable youngster, prepared and instructed to do a student's job of writing down from public records the sentences and penalties imposed in four stated categories of crime in Cado Parrish for the period investigated. At Haverford, where he is a student, he has been under competent sociological instruction and he would refer to his academic superiors there or to us here for the solution of technical problems as to the records. But he will of course need some help and local advice.

Extremely kind of you to be willing to take over the matter of introducing him at the Court House, and to be willing from time to time to let him come to see you and obtain, at a minimum expenditure of your time, such further advice as you may care to give him.

We can and will send you a token fee of $25.00!

Mr. Harris will arrive at Shreveport about June 1, and will come promptly to your office. His expenses while at Shreveport are taken care of.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to:

Reverend Joseph B. Gremillion
Marion A. Wright
Katherine Stoney

May 19, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Katherine Stoney
and
Harold Fleming

From: George S. Mitchell

In conversation with Rabbi Mantinband today, May 19, he told me that on May 18, the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Division of the Southern Regional Council met. There was quite strong expression of the view that in Mississippi with a population of approximately 50/50 Negro and white, the State ought to have the advantage of a full-time Associate Executive Secretary for their new program. If the Associate were shared with another State he would not directly belong to the Mississippi program.

There was also the understandable feeling about the old habit in these Southerns of the "plumy" jobs going to the whites and the less "plumy" to non-whites, and this would be a bad start in Mississippi, etc., etc.

I told the Rabbi what he understood in any case, that it was only money that led us unwillingly to the decision and I further told him that Mississippi was welcome to a full-time Associate Executive Secretary if Mississippi could raise enough money, in addition to the $1800 it would have to raise anyway, before September, 1954, to pay for the other half of the salary of an Associate Executive Secretary. On a quick calculation, that was $2,250 for salary and, perhaps, $750 for travel — call it $3,000. If ✓ Mississippi could raise $1,800 plus $3,000 before September 20, 1955, they are very welcome to put on a full-time Associate Executive Secretary.

Rabbi Mantinband said he would check around and see whether it would be somewhere available in prospect or not.

May 20, 1954

Mr. Charles V. Brown
318 Barclay Hall
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Brown:

A respected attorney in Cartersville, named W. C. Henson, has agreed to serve as your contact, and to assist you in getting started, and from time to time as need be, with advice during your stay in Cartersville. On your arrival there you should report to his office.

We offer Mr. Henson only the tiniest token compensation. You should not make unnecessary demands on his time. I am sure you will find him deeply interested in what you will be working at.

You would be welcome in this office at any time during your stay. And I should think quite possibly that you would want to come down here some weekend. My home address is 906 Lullwater Road and the telpphone there is Dearborn 5961. I will be out of the city from June 1 to June 13, but thereafter I expect to be mainly at home, and you would be most welcome to stay in the guest room at our home.

All good success to you.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1954

Reverend Leon C. Russell
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Russell:

This is some notice of an action we propose in your State, and a request to you for a letter from you to give some backing to the young man concerned.

For some years we have been talking about and collecting funds for a proposed Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. It would be a panel of distinguished Southerners, mostly related to the law, which would examine the facts as to the present practice in typical Southern courts on the award of penalties by race, and after such examination, would launch a gradual educational campaign, mainly again within legal circles, to bring about whatever corrective action, if any, the Commission may decide is needful. We have a few thousand dollars toward the project (collected about half in the South and half from two small Foundations) and we are now ready to get the fact-finding done.

Marion Wright, the President of SRC, is a South Carolina lawyer now living at Linville Falls, in the Old North State. As he is a lawyer I got him to run the project, and he makes it move. He has worked out an arrangement with a friend at Haverford College (a Southerner who is a sociologist there) to make available for a month or so this June six young sociology students, who will go to certain selected County Court Houses and take off from the publicly available records the incidence of housebreaking, murder, felonious assault, and sex offenses by race, with sentences. Forms all worked out in consultation with Guy Johnson at the University of North Carolina.

One of the young men will go to Winston-Salem, and spend a month there in the Forsyth record. His name, Otis C. Johnson. Nice young fellow, whom I've met and spent a day with. No claim to being Southern, but carefully briefed, and out not as an evangelist but as a scribe.

Obviously he'll need some backing locally, and Marion is arranging with a friendly lawyer in Winston-Salem for the young man to have available legal advice, and introductions at the Court House.

Also the boy will need some letter that places him. Here's a draft of the sort of thing we would like you to send, if you feel quite willing. Letter should come back to us, and we'll get it to the boy. He arrives Winston Salem about June 1, so time is not to lose.

I guarantee the boy is personable, instructed, white, probably a Quaker, and free of any extreme views one way or the other. It is a good deal to ask you to give him backing sight unseen, but he would have no special backing in a letter from us here in Georgia, and your sign and symbol in North Carolina would be most helpful if anybody nagged him unduly.

Guy at Chapel Hill (home 'phone 2561, office 4402) would know the general facts. Marion Wright unfortunately is on a mountain top without a phone, and is reachable only by calling Spruce Pine and asking for Poplar 5-2569 from which filling-station-restaurant-store some kindly messenger can fetch Marion from half a mile away!

Gratefully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter is Mr. Otis C. Johnson. He is a student at Haverford College, engaged under the direction of the Southern Regional Council and of his college superiors in a fact-finding study of the incidence of several categories of crime in selected counties.

I would be grateful for your courtesies to Mr. Johnson.

Sincerely,

May 20, 1954

Reverend Raymond Bernard, S. J.
3655 West Pine Boulevard
Saint Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

I thought Father Blewett's account of the Japanese-Americans was a most competent job. I knew a little of the matter because it was a close friend of mine, Larry Hewes, who was the Regional Director of FSA that handled the matter of the leasing of Japanese-held lands in 1942. Incidentally, he went on later to Japan, under MacArthur, and supervised the land-distribution job there. He is in my opinion the Western World's most experienced and right-minded man on land distribution matters, and it is a pity that he is not now being used to help us get ahead of the Communists in the threatened countries.

Nice to see you the other night!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1954

Mr. Walter P. Reuther
President
UAW - CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

How very warming an act that was of UAW to send us the check for a thousand dollars.

It heartens us greatly for the effort that must now be made to obtain compliance with the decision of the Court.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 20, 1954

Miss Dorothy Takechi
YWCA, National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

We are preparing a pamphlet which was scheduled for publication May 16 (simultaneously with the Ashmore Report), but we have now decided to hold it until after the Court's decision (if rendered at this term of Court), so I don't know when it comes out. But we will be sure that you get a copy.

It will briefly run through the Ashmore Report (The Negro and the Schools, Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, May 16, 1954. $1.00); analyse the decision (if available!); and offer suggestions to Southern communities on how to proceed to comply with the law.

A Miss Grambs, with the NCCJ (call their New York office for information) is doing a pamphlet on actual means of desegregating schools, with detailed instructions. Quite good, and about to come out.

The Public Affairs Committee in New York is getting out a boil-down of the Ashmore Report on May 16. Call them for a copy.

When and if we get something in print on the Church Leader Visits I'll be sure to send you one.

Many thanks for all YW help. Good solid people.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1954

Mr. J. H. White
President
Mississippi Vocational College
Itta Bena, Mississippi

Dear Mr. White:

Mr. Horace A. Bohannon, of 218 Mathewson Place, S. W., Atlanta, tells me that he has asked for a teaching position in the new College.

I first knew him in 1945, when as a young veteran of World War II he came to my staff as a field officer, travelling to communities in Georgia and reviewing the work of the various veterans servicing agencies in getting their benefits fully available to Negro veterans. The job involved personal contacts of a responsible order. He went to scores of Georgia towns and rural areas, and interviewed in each place the officials of the State, local, and Federal servicing agencies, obtaining a factual report of their case-load and activities, especially on behalf of the Negro veterans; and in not a few of the places, arranging for contacts between the local officials and gatherings of the veterans affected. His uniform tact enabled to make these visits with outstanding success, and no small part of the ease of the transition to peacetime relationships in Georgis is fairly attributable to his travels. He showed both courage and courtesy, and was rewarded everywhere with the information he sought.

His older brother is the much-admired head of the Carver Vocational School here in Atlanta, and is one of the outstanding leaders among his people. Horace had a particular interest in all matters relating to occupational training among veterans, and has through his brother kept abreast of developments in the field.

He has had several years of successful teaching in the Atlanta schools, and to my knowledge has performed well. He is a graduate of an outstanding college (Lincoln University at Oxford, Pennsylvania), and has already begun to shape here a creditable and promising career.

I know him quite well, as we have kept steadily in touch over the years. Character above reproach, integrity of the highest, company of the best. And wife who will help him grow into the college community, and bright, attractive youngsters. All in all, a fine post-war young fellow, well trained, experienced, steady, and a man of good judgment.

My warm commendation of him for a place with you. You would come to depend on him for competent performance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to: Mr. Horace A. Bohannon
218 Mathewson Place, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

May 20, 1954

May 20, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have cleared up getting a lawyer for four of the young men. Here is the name of each man and his lawyer's name:

Charles V. Brown -- W. C. Henson, Lawyer
E. Berkeley Harris, Jr. -- Thomas P. Fitzgerald, Lawyer
Milton Huyett Sangree -- Chatwin M. Jackson, Lawyer
David Potter - Rod Nachman, Lawyer

As you will see, I have written a letter to each lawyer and have notified each young man.

I have done nothing about Johnson who goes to Winston Salem, or Earl Harrison who goes to Manning. You said you would handle lawyers for them and I leave that to you. Note that it is also up to you to write to Johnson and to Harrison.

I was tempted to send the $25.00 fee to each of the named lawyers. I carry the precedent of the English practice of "refreshers." But I have not done so, and prudence cautions me to send it along to each of them about June 20. What do you say?

Tell me also what you want done about paying the lawyers at Winston Salem and at Manning. Everybody was most friendly and cooperative over the telephone and I think the whole business looks like a happy success.

Our appreciation is due (and I have expressed it) to the Reverend Thomas Thrasher, 1574 Gilmer Avenue, in Montgomery; Rabbi Charles Mantinband, 808 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Reverend Joseph Gremillion, St. Joseph's Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly. She is responsible for obtaining the consent of the lawyer in Cartersville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 20, 1954

Mr. David Potter
51 Lloyd Hall
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Potter:

The attorney who would be glad to help you is Rod Nachman, 511 Hill Building, Montgomery, Alabama. His mailing address if Box 113. I am told he is a good fellow, moderately liberal, and influential at the Court House. My contact with him was arranged through the Reverend Thomas Thrasher, Church of the Ascension at Montgomery, and Mr. Thrasher will doubtless be of assistance to you also.

You recall that we proposed that you would go at the first instance to your legal contact and ask his advice and help in getting started over at the County Court House. You should be free to go back to Mr. Nachman from time to time and get his advice. But as we are able to give him only the token fee of $25.00, you should be at some pains not to burden his time.

I was in error in saying that Thrasher would be there to help you. Mr. Thrasher is going abroad about June 1, so he won't be there, but a Methodist minister named Turnipseed is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council and doubtless would be helpful to you. You would be welcome also in the circle presided over by President H. Councill Trenholm of Alabama State College, one of the principal Negro colleges in the State.

If your budget stretches to weekend travel, you are welcome over here at any time at the Mitchells' house, 906 Lullwater Road, where the telphone number is Dearborn 5961.

You will find Tuskegee Institute within ready reach of Montgomery, and many of our friends are there, including President Luther H. Foster and Mr. Charles Gomillion. Or you might hunt up a younger man whom I know, Louis Jones, who is one of the most knowledgeable men in agriculture that the South can supply. If you journey Westward from Montgomery and find yourself at Uniontown, go on toward Newburn and hunt up the plantation of a close friend of mine, named Alvin Smith, who owns a square mile of Hale County's rich limestone land, and keeps cows on it.

Auburn is within range of Montgomery. You might try to find Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Wilder in the town. Past your age by some Summers, but my good friend.

The head of the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council is the Reverend Dan Whitsett, First Methodist Church, Sylacauga. He is a fine man and will be glad to help you.

A youngish fellow who would enjoy your acquaintance is Nat Welch, who runs the Irish Tape Recording Company, Opelika, Alabama. He knows the ends and outs of Alabama politics and is a good egg in general.

All sorts of good luck to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Law, file

Copies to: Marion A. Wright
Katherine Stoney

May 20, 1954

Mr. Rod Nachman
511 Hill Building
Box 113
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Nachman:

Many thanks to you for the arrangements made with Reverend Thomas R. Thrasher for the visit of David Potter. He is to be at Montgomery for about a month from June 2 or 3, forward. Potter is a student working under the competent sociologists at Haverford.

For a year or two past, we in the Southern Regional Council have been trying to find a way to get some study made of trends in recent years in court systems for certain typical crimes to see whether pervasively and statistically race is or is not a factor in the sentences imposed. We thought that after the facts were in we would invite a distinguished group of Southern citizens, most of them connected in some way with the law, to review the facts as adduced, and enter upon some modest and long range educational program geared toward correcting, by voluntary effort and concern of the bar, the many inequities which may be statistically apparent.

We are now in the stage of trying to get the facts, and young Potter will be one of several students going out to take off from the dockets of other publicly available records, the figures on the matter for a recent period.

Naturally he will need somebody from Montgomery to stand behind him and advise him at first, and from time to time during his month's stay. Very kind of you indeed to assure Reverend Thrasher that you would be willing to do this generous service.

We can and will send you a most modest and token fee of 25.00!

Potter will be calling on you shortly after his arrival at Montgomery. I have instructed him to make his visit as slight a burden on your time as possible. But the this or that that you can do will be invaluable in enabling him to get together the records in your county.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to Reverend Thomas R. Thrasher

May 20, 1954

Mr. Milton Huyett Sangree
42 Lloyd Hall
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sangree:

Through the kind service of Rabbi Charles Mantinband of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Chairman of the Mississippi Division of the Southern Regional Council, Mr. Chatwin M. Jackson, a lawyer there, has agreed to be your advisor during your stay in Kosciusko.

I have written Mr. Jackson what the matter is all about and Rabbi Mantinband has talked with him by telephone.

You should call on Mr. Jackson almost as soon as you arrive in Kosciusko. I am sure you will find him extremely helpful. A caution that you do not unduly burden his time, as we offer Mr. Jackson only a most modest and token fee. But you should be free to be briefed by him extensively at the beginning. I hope he will take you over to the Court House and introduce you there personally, and from time to time during the remainder of your stay you should feel free to check in with Mr. Jackson for further advice and progress reports.

At Greenville, Mississippi, Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor of the Delta Democrat Times, has been in the past a director of the Southern Regional Council, and I daresay would assist you in any matter needing his advice. At Jackson, Mr. Jacob Reddix, President of Jackson College (a Negro college and he a Negro) could advise you. For any quite serious advice, you should be in touch with Rabbi Charles Mantinband whose telephone at Hattiesburg is Juniper 47787, and whose address there is 808 Mamie Street.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have written to Leon Russell in North Carolina, and Rabbi Mantinband in Mississippi, asking for "To Whom It May Concern" letters giving some backing to the young men who will be going to their states

I conclude a letter in Louisiana is unnecessary as Father Gremillion in Shreveport assures me he will stand behind the young man there, and the Chairman in the state is only Acting Chairman anyway.

Much the same is true in Alabama where the Chairman is about to go to Europe, June 1.

One boy has uncles in Chattanooga and I don't think he will need a letter, inasmuch as the lawyer in Cartersville knows the score anyway.

South Carolina I leave to you.

The letters for the young men from Mississippi and North Carolina will come to us, and we will see that the boys get them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Reverend L. J. Twomey, S. J.
Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Twomey:

The Commission on Equal Penalties' thing begins to move. I have been telephoning back and forth with Father Gremillion, as we will be sending to Shreveport to dig into the records of Caddo Parish a young man from Haverford, named E. Berkeley Harris.

Father Gremillion has very kindly arranged for Harris to have a local lawyer named Thomas P. Fitzgerald.

I write to say that this is happening. I am sure that with Father Gremillion's gracious interest the young man will come through successfully.

He is to arrive about June 1 and stay about a month. In most states I have asked the State Chairmen to send us a letter for the young men marked "To Whom It May Concern," but at this instance I think that Father Gremillion has undertaken to stand at the young fellow's back and we need not bother to ask you to put faith and credence behind a youngster you never saw!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

We promised the young men going out that each would have a letter from the State Chairmen of the Southern Regional Council. Here is a form of such a letter. Your man is Milton Huyett Sangree. If you would be kind enough to write him such a letter and send it on to us, we will get it to him.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter is Mr. Milton Huyett Sangree. He is a student at Haverford College, engaged under the direction of the Southern Regional Council and of his college superiors in a fact-finding study of the incidence of several categories of crime in selected counties.

I would be grateful for your courtesies to Mr. Sangree.

Sincerely,

May 21, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

Here are a couple of copies of the Report of the Conference at Williamsburg. We all felt the daily need of your presence and were glad for the telephone call or two that did keep us in touch a little.

We hear cheering news from your state. Things are not made easier for us here by our state officials!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

Copies of the Williamsburg Report have gone forward to Dr. Patterson and Mr. Rowe at the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Dr. Frederick D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

At the suggestion of David Freeman of the Fund for the Republic, I take great pleasure in sending you a copy of the report of the Conference, and a copy for Mr. Rowe, held early in May at Williamsburg, Virginia.

Do come to see us when you come down this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Miss Rosalie Oakes
c/o Miss Dorothy Wilson
19 Burbank Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rosalie:

I divide people into two classes. Those who when called on to help in a good cause wobble and wither and draw down out of touch, and those who say yes and go to work and get the job done. In all of these years we have worked together at these things I have never asked you to do a job and found you to wobble or to wither or to draw down out of sight! Quite on the contrary you smile and ask questions enough to find out just what it is and help hard.

Austin and UT will be mighty lucky to get you!

Warmest welcome back in Atlanta whenever you come!

And things being what they are, you will find me reaching out to Austin to ask you to stand up and not wobble and do some more jobs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Mr. William V. Roosa
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Roosa:

I don't know where I could fit you in, but I hope we will be together at Guilford and we could talk about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Times Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Virginius:

Noble editorial on May 18! I am sure that this is the way to work it though none of us see how the law can come around to fitting the geography and the facts. But maybe the Supreme Court will have the wisdom to shape it that way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

How kind of you to send down the clippings and to go with that, most encouraging early news. Greensboro truly took the lead.

I have asked Tartt Bell to do a story in New South on the events in Greensboro, and I hope he will.

How nice it must be to live in a city which has tried to do things right!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Will:

I will be glad to help on the NAIRO Commission on Other Civil Rights.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1954

Miss Josephine Wilkins
3 Mitchell Place
New York 17, New York

Dear Josephine:

Many thanks for the letter in re "Hot Zig!"

Clips will help us. We have a lot but need more.

So right that you wrote to Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Warren and Mr. White!

Come back as soon as you can!

I don't like the looks of things in Georgia. The Governor is acting up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I think our telephone conversation of May 20 answers your letter of May 17. But I confirm.

I left you the job of getting attorneys for Manning, S.C., and Winston Salem, N.C. I have written to the State Chairman at Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

I found the mimeographing job pretty well locked, but each boy was sent a typed copy of this page 8 of the Instruction Sheet.

I acknowledge the duty to get out a letter to Board members telling them about our new program and asking them for suggestions.

Many thanks for a wise letter to Broadus.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Mr. James B. O'Shaughnessy
Loyola University
School of Law
41 East Pearson Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Shaughnessy:

All straight for August 13th at the La Salle Hotel. I look forward to the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Dictated May 19, 1954

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Larry:

So much happens! I am regrettably slow in giving you an answer to your letter of May 3 about the Commission on Equal Penalties.

Marion Wright worked out the arrangements for the Haverford students through Professor Ira de A. Reid there. Reid was formerly Associate Executive Secretary of the Southern Regional Council, and he and Marion Wright worked together on a Board which met on state arrangements while in South Carolina. These six young men and the towns to which they are going are:

Charles V. Brown - Cartersville, Georgia
E. Berkeley Harris, Jr. - Shreveport, Louisiana
Milton Huyett Sangree - Kosciusko, Mississippi
David Potter - Montgomery, Alabama
Otis C. Johnson - Winston Salem, North Carolina
Earl Harrison - Manning, South Carolina

Each has received travel compensation for a briefing meeting in Atlanta which occured May 15, and will receive travel from Haverford to his place of research and back to Haverford or to his home. In addition, each will receive $35.00 a week per diem, and $15.00 a week salary for the approximately one month that each will be engaged in this research.

I enclose two copies of the schedule which each of the men is to fill out -- one schedule for each case. The schedules are accompanied by careful instruction sheets. Copy going along to you with the schedules.

The Counties were chosen on the close advice of Professor Guy Johnson at the University of North Carolina. We thought that they gave a pretty representative sample of the Southeast. Pity that they didn't include a Texas county, but that is the way it came out. We are sending also to each young man excerpts from an earlier article by Garfinkel and a copy if going along to you.

Arrangements have been made at each town for a local member of the Bar to advise and assist the students. In a full day here we talked with all the students and did our best to get them to understand the method and circumstances of the inquiry.

Guy Johnson will be available for review of the research work, and I daresay Ira Reid's help could be had also. We have the prospect of engaging the temporary services of a sociologist at Emory, who will be available to answer their more immediate questions when they got on the job and put in long distance telephone calls about what to do about item "X" in line "B" etc. The policy decision was whether to stick with Spirer and turn this into an elaborate thesis-type study in some one crime or some one spot, and hope that other monographists would fill in other crimes and other spots. Considering what sort of a show SRC is, and the urgency of getting some facts and some conclusions of the facts out before the South, we all plumbed for this device.

Marion Wright is at work on getting up a tentative list of to-be-invited Commissioners. And I told him that I thought Jess Spirer ought to be one of the Commissioners.

This operation will certainly strain the budget, and before long more money is going to be needed, but we will finish this research project with probably no more than $2500 of the $4000 spent.

The four categories of crime are those suggested in conference with Spirer: Felonious assault, murder, sex offenses, and crimes against property.

We would welcome your advice and that of your research department on further things to be done. We have had to go ahead and lock the schedule and pretty much as it is. But if you see need for changes, let me know and we will try to make them.

So far everybody we have talked with has been very pleasant about the research proposed, and we hope that it will move forward soberly. The young men report to their towns June 1 or June 2, and most of them will stay about a month. If one finishes up earlier, we can move him to one of the tougher places.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

It seems to me that New South should do quite soon a short description of the developments in the schools in Greensboro. I know how hard it is to write something that gives the rest of the waiting South sufficient inklings of what is going on but does not reveal too much.

I wonder if you would write for us two, three, or four typewritten pages that would tell the story. Longer if you want, but I imagine that compression will enable you to avoid public repetition of attitudes and commitments which were personal and local. A little about the layout of the town population-wise and its schools; some of the organizations in the town and county who took an interest in the matter; sketchy details of what meetings were held; the decision to appoint a Negro member of the school board; the appointment itself; and the noble resolution after the Court's decision.

I do think the rest of the South ought to be cheered by Greensboro's leadership, and the newspaper accounts will soon disappear into the past.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Copies to:

Anna Holden
Harold Fleming

May 24, 1954

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

We missed you straight through at the Williamsburg meeting, but here are its conclusions.

The document is not for public use.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 24, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic
One East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dave:

I send you, separately, fifteen copies of the Williamsburg report. More if you need or want them.

I have cautioned all who have received copies that it is not a public document.

We have had various quite warm letters from people who were present, and we were delighted to find in such a gathering complete unanimity in objectives.

We are all most grateful for the generosity which made the meeting possible. I have sent two copies to Loescher at Philadelphia.

Let me know of anyone else to whom you would like copies sent.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 24, 1954

Mr. Gordon Lovejoy
c/o Mrs. H. B. Harrison
Scarrit College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

Here is the Williamsburg Report. It is not a public document, but I hope it can be useful to you.

I will be at Lexington, Kentucky, July 18-23.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

COPY- FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 24, 1954

American Society for Psychical Research, Inc.
880 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Sirs:

I am sending you, separately, several folders of material from the files of Lucy Randolph Mason.

Miss Mason has had a distinguished career in social service and public relations work, mainly in the Southern States. More lately in retirement she has suffered some physical impairment of the brain, which has resulted in her being placed under the guardianship of her cousin, Dr. Minor Blackford of 104 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. She is presently a patient at Brawley's Sanatorium, Smyrna, Georgia. Dr. Blackford has authorized Miss Lucy's confidante Miss Margaret Fisher of Andrews, North Carolina, to dismantle Miss Mason's apartment and dispose of files and other material. The great bulk of Miss Lucy's life-long collection of correspondence and materials in the area of social welfare and labor relations in the South were sometime back deposited with the library of Duke University, but these folders were not so deposited.

I am authorized by Miss Fisher, and thus indirectly by Miss Mason's guardian, Dr. Blackford, to give these files to your society.

My understanding that Miss Lucy has long been interested in psychic phenomena was confirmed in the finding of these files. I have not examined the files closely, but am sure that they will be of interest to the Society.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 24, 1954

Mrs. John F. Wellborn, Jr.
2801 Augusta Road
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wellborn:

The meeting at Williamsburg was generally thought a success. It was an interesting group, I daresay like any other Conference I know about -- more good done in off-meeting hours than in on. But a lot was done both ways. Here is the final report on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 24, 1954

The Honorable Brooks Hays
United States Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hays:

Here is the condensed version of the Conference findings at Williamsburg. I have emphasized to all persons that the document is not a public one, and I have asked that no public use be made of it.

I trust we made it clear to you that in asking you to come, we were drawing on your knowledge, quite independently of your being a member of Congress, and none of the opinions or proposals made at the Conference in any way relate to you as a public official.

Great pleasure to have the week with you both. Flourish all Hays!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Note : This letter sent to all participants in Williamsburg Conference
-- with the exception of Brooks Hays ~~-- See attached she~~et for
names and addresses.

regular file Carbon

May 24, 1954

Dear

We are all most grateful to you for taking time to come to the meeting at Williamsburg, and for putting so much into the joint thinking there.

The challenge is upon us all!

Here is a condensed account of the proceedings. If you should be interested in further detail as to some of the proposals, it could be gotten together for you from the notes taken at the Conference.

The report of the proceedings is not a public document, and it is requested that no public use be made of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 24, 1954

Mr. William R. Walker, Jr.
7 Russell Road
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Walker:

Here is a copy of the final report of the Williamsburg proceedings. I emphasize that it is not a public document, but we are glad for you to have it for any personal and private use you may make of it.

Events! Events! I think when the smoke dies down, two or three "baddish" states alone will remain. I hope and believe that the rest will try to obey the law.

A delight to see you and Mrs. Walker.

You may be sure that next time I am within hailing distance of Newport News I will be at your door.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 24, 1954

Dictated May 21, 1954

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West Thirty-Fifth Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

You are a faithful and devoted friend, and we are deeply grateful for the most helpful gift of the Sigmund Silberman Foundation.

The decision of the Supreme Court, while it sets a great landmark in all these matters, makes more needful than ever the task of obtaining local acceptance on a voluntary basis. A wise Negro friend, who wrote me the other day, said "It should be emphasized that pressures from above may easily become authoritarian and thus impede and even stop the democratic process. Quick gains undemocratically achieved are not likely to endure." So the more work needs to be done in getting real local understanding of the change.

We have had substantial help from the Fund for the Republic, which on April 1 of this year staked us to a program of paid personnel in each of twelve Southern states. That is the goal toward which we have long been striving, and with the new help we will be able to get local organizations going during the Summer months. But, although the Fund for the Republic has helped us generously, we will still have to get together additional contributions, the size of which appalls -- $40,000 as funds for the central office alone! -- and that will make you see why we rejoice so much to have the Sigmund Silberman Foundation's help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 24, 1954

Mrs. St. Julien R. Childs
73 King Street
Charleston 4, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

Nice to have your letter. I feel sorry for Mr. Olivier and his friends. You got his story exactly right. A tradegy builds up because his people are thus blind. Interesting isn't it that the blindness is slant-eyed because of nationalism and they can't see the truth.

I continue to be grateful for all the wise things you and your friends do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 24, 1954

Miss Jeanne Plaute
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Plaute:

The news item from Grailville gives me nostalgia for the sincere devotion of you and all your associates.

I shall never forget being there when you got word from Bosutaland that they needed a couple of nurses -- presto! the nurses were on their way!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 24, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic
One East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

Here's a pleasant item from Henry Lesesne in the Baltimore Evening Sun for May 14.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 24, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I've been hearing off and on for years that the Edgewater Beach Hotel (is that its name, or Edgewater Gulf?) at Biloxi will, under certain circumstances, accept conference groups having Negro members. My impression is that they agree on this when the group is professional in nature, and when the Negro contingent is relatively small; but that under these circumstances the Negro guests are lodged and served without discrimination.

I have an enquiry from a group which would like to know whether my surmises are correct. Can you through some discreet channel find out what the practice has been, or could be?

Gratitude,a lot,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

May 25, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

I would appreciate anything you can add, during the coming week, to the draft of the By-Laws. We ought to get that out fairly soon.

Encl.

May 25, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

In re Parish goings on.

We ought in some way to cover him with insurance that would cover both workmen's compensation and liability as found against us.

May 25, 1954

Mr. Phillip H. Coombs
The Fund for the Advancement of
Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Phil:

I send you, enclosed, a couple of copies of the report of the meeting in Williamsburg -- locateable in the welter by being on canary paper.

Excellent meeting. Some of the things proposed are of great interest. But like all meetings, the main outcome really is the ideas and purposes people got by being together under such pleasant circumstances.

Dave Freeman has fifteen copies if you need a reserve supply up yonder--and more for you if you should wish them. It is not a document for public use.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 25, 1954

To: Harold Fleming

Lovejoy called me and said that he would be at a "biggish" meeting of the NCCJ people in Nashville this week to plan a program anent the Supreme Court decision. I sent him a copy of the Williamsburg proceedings.

I also sent a copy to everyone who was there, and to Mrs. Hurley, Dr. Dent, Mrs. Wellborn, and Alexander Heard, who did not get there. Fifteen copies to Freeman and two to Loescher.

I will now send two copies to Coombs.

May 25, 1954

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeast Regional Office NAACP
624 Masonic Temple Building
1630 Fourth Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

We remember that you were spiritually a part of the meeting at Williamsburg, even though we were not able to get you there. Here is a copy of the things we arrived at.

We agreed at the meeting that the findings would not be public.

We have all got bigger jobs to do than ever we had before. Please be sure that I am pulling with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 25, 1954

Mr. Alexander Heard
Department of Political Science
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Alex:

Tarnation hard luck that we did not have you at Williamsburg. Here are the proceedings. The document is not for public use.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 25, 1954

Dr. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

Here are two copies of the conclusions of the meeting at Williamsburg. I had wanted to stop at Chapel Hill ahead and after to get your advice on topics for the meeting, and to talk over its conclusions, but in this "pop-pop-pop" world, I have not yet been by Chapel Hill.

So many of the things we talked about were things that you got started.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P. S. The document is not for public use.

May 25, 1954

Mr. Jacob S. Potofsky
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Potofsky:

I will be extremely grateful for the two volumes prepared for the 40th Anniversary Convention on the Sidney Hillman Foundation and the special programs of the Amalgamated itself.

Everyone admires the pioneering energy and sober effectiveness of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 25, 1954

Mr. Ernest C. Smith
3209 Pingree
Detroit 6, Michigan

Dear Mr. Smith:

I try to be honest and I tell you straight out that I think the various Southern State organizations linked to SRC that will be picking up (a very few) persons in the Fall will be looking for men who, other things being equal, can offer a mainly Southern background. I am interested in your training and experience and do not doubt that you are an able man who is willing to help. But it is the case that the states will look hardest for people who have come along within their home borders.

If you are ever in Atlanta come to see me; I would like to know you and talk with you about your career past and forward.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Daily file copy

May 25, 1954

Dictated May 22, 1954

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 S. Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

This confirms our telephone conversation of last evening, in which I asked you to give us some help for two months from June 16, forward. We would pay you at a rate of $400 a month, plus travel.

Your main job as I see it would be to appraise for us the situation as to organizations, problems, programs, personalities, and to some extent possible sources of funds, in each of the several states in which during the Summer and Autumn months we would be setting up reorganized state programs.

Our field activity has been scanty these many years, and has been based, fundamentally, on the people and ideas current years ago in the old state interracial committees. Much good thought has gone into the work that the state people have been doing, but it must be admitted that our main support in most of the states, has been from people who got their experience of the interracial movement one, two, or even three decades ago.

We ought to think about the new programs in terms of coordinating the work of the various agencies, white, Negro, and combined, in each state. That would involve our having a going personal link with main people in the various organizations, and I should think it would involve also choosing with great care from among the people available those who would best fit on the boards and executive committees of each of the organized state outfits. My guess is that the executive committees will have about sixteen members each. It may be that in order to bring in more people we would urge the state groups to add on larger boards, but a sixteen man executive committee is about right to run each group.

You would want to keep pretty careful notes, state by state, so that in reviewing the notes and in personal reporting to us here you could advise us soundly and in some detail as to ways of getting strong organizations going in each of the states you visit. When you get names, get addresses. And where readily possible, get telephone numbers. It is most important for you,in visiting people,to achieve a friendly interest by them in what we will be doing. We can use rising young leaders. And try to advise us on the function our reorganized activity could serve in coordinating what seems to be already underway or needed state by state.

We, perhaps, have a greater shortcoming in our link with Negro leadership than with white, and your journeys might be directed mainly toward giving us a resume of the situation of each of the Negro groups in the states visited. But call on white people too.

I should think that your present knowledge would enable you to give us a report of this kind on Kentucky. Also Alabama.

Few people succeed in setting up state-wide organisations in Tennessee. If you put an office in Nashville, Memphis and Knoxville people won't come to meet with it. Obviously, if you put it at either end of the State, fewer people would come. I have given some thought to setting up a skeleton office in Tennessee -- say one man with travel money -- and putting the rest of the money into three or four local chapters, Memphis, Knoxville, and Chattanooga, then each local chapter would be given a stated list of nearby counties as its area for servicing. I don't know that this is wise but you could explore it. Note that Chattanooga has a sometimes derelict local independent interracial committee (frequently described as "under conservative influence") and I don't know what we would do about that. I once suggested to them that they come on into SRC, but they never have.

North Carolina has some rather strong divisions within the Negro leadership, and that might be explored as well as the general problem of getting an organisation going in that State.

In Florida, I am out of touch with the rising Negro leadership in that State. That is one to go to.

If there is any time left over I should think Eastern Texas would be the next one to visit. My guess is that the Texas Interracial Committee, or more properly, the Texas Commission on Race Relations, is nowadays not fully representative of Negro and white leadership in this field in the State. That is a delicate matter for us to explore, and you had better talk with me before you go into Texas.

At any rate, the states I have listed would be enough to start on!

Travel as you please, but you are better off in a private car. We would pay you six cents a mile for travel by car, plus your hotels, meals, and incidental expenses: travel by common carrier on an excellent expense basis, plus meals and incidentals. Katherine Stoney will be writing to you about such matters as social security, tax deductions, etc.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copies to: Katherine Stoney
Harold Fleming
Grace Hamilton

May 25, 1954

Mr. Laurence F. Kinney
Memphis Adult Education Center
Southwestern Campus
2000 North Parkway
Memphis 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Kinney:

The people at the Southern Regional Education Board very kindly sent me your letter of May 12 -- I think rightly -- stating that the letter had originally been meant for the Southern Regional Council.

I worked for years with the Farm Security Administration and knew a good deal about its programs in the Arkansas-Delta and general areas and so I have some general knowledge of the area and the problem that you describe. Although, of course I don't know the Judd Hill area.

What you want to do is not directly related to the program of the Council. But we do expect to establish in Arkansas this Autumn a state-wide program in the field of race relations, reorganizing the program of the Arkansas Division of the Southern Regional Council. When that gets going I would sure like to have some connection with Mr. Chapin and the community at Judd Hill. Meanwhile, the only group that I can think of as having a direct interest in your proposals is the Rural Life Council at Tuskegee Institute. My friend, Lewis Jones is a most knowledgeable student in the changes underway in the plantation parts of the South.

I wish you would write to him and at least inform him of what is underway. You might find that he could assist you substantially with a study, or with direct advice.

Meanwhile, all praise to you and your friends for the enterprise of trying to get a needed set of local improvements underway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 25, 1954

Mr. Forrest La Violette
University of California
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Forrest:

Many thanks for your very helpful letter re Parmental.

I have a good many other candidates and doubt that I will proceed further with this suggestion.

All happiness to you at the village.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1954

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation, Inc.
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

I am your firm friend through thick and thin, and you have been mine. Because I feel so close to you, I do not simply evade the letter of May 15 about MRA. I just never have liked MRA! But I am devoted to you! Honest statement is one of your principles so accept this in that spirit.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1954

Mr. Irvin Ingram
West Georgia College
Carrollton, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ingram:

Very kind of you, indeed, to write. The Georgia Interracial Committee has made an arrangement with Dr. Wells to come into duty status for it at an early date, as its director.

We are all cheered by the thought that Mr. Wells' ability and wise judgement will be brought to bear on these particular problems within the State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1954

To: Harold Fleming

In a letter from Marion Wright dated May 21, he sends in a clipping from Chapel Hill and says "I believe a symposium of the Southern college press on 'The Decisions' might make an interesting feature for New South."

GSM merely transmits idea.

May 26, 1954

Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker
Gillfield Baptist Church
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Reverend Walker:

Al Kramer wrote us that you had expressed some interest in receiving literature from the Southern Regional Council.

I am sorry that we do not have arrangements for sending out material regularly without charge. But here are three or four recent issues of New South.

It costs only $1.50 a year to subscribe to it, and membership in the Council is only $3.00, which includes a subscription to New South.

We would like for you to get our things right along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

May 26, 1954

Mrs. Hunter Barrow
Dinwiddie,
Virginia

Dear Mrs. Barrow:

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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May 26, 1954

Reverend Vernon Jones
St. Stephens Episcopal Church
Petersburg, Virginia

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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May 26, 1954

Mr. A. L. Singleton, Jr.
The Progress - Index
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Singleton:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 26, 1954

Dr. George Raulfs, Jr.
Emporia, Virginia

Dear Dr. Raulfs:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 26, 1954

Dr. Linvill Watson
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Watson:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 26, 1954

Mr. Charles E. Fields
107 Maymont Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fields:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

May 26, 1954

Mr. Don Davis
Peoples Building and Loan Assoc.
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Davis:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 26, 1954

Mr. D. J. Montague
Bruton Heights High School
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Montague:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 26, 1954

Reverend Alex Berry
Memorial Methodist Church
Charles City, Virginia

Dear Reverend Berry:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

May 26, 1954

Reverend Bernard Mullen
Tappahannock,
Virginia

Dear Reverend Mullen:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

May 24, 1954

Reverend E. S. Sheppe
First Methodist Church
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Dear Reverend Sheppe:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

May 26, 1954

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer
National Council of the Churches
   of Christ in the U.S.A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Al:

Many thanks for your letter of May 11.

I worked with Richard Plautt of NSSFNS. He has a whole lot of money for pushing his program and I am sure he is getting things done. And the Supreme Court decision will help him enormously.

Many thanks for the special list. I have sent them a few back issues of New South, and have expressed an interest that they will become subscribers or join the Council.

We will benefit for years to come by your hard travel in that good piece of country.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1954

Professor Howard W. Beers
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Professor Beers:

I will do my best to get you some more students. I will be up there for the Kentucky Labor School, July 18-23, and look forward to seeing you and the Conference group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1954

Mr. Larry Rogin
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Rogin:

Mighty nice to have your letter of May 11.

We will still need to raise about $35,000 in the next months for this office alone. But so far people have been helpful about standing by us rather than the reverse.

And goodness knows with the new decision, welcome as it is, a lot to do!

Warm regards to you and all of the Textile Workers Union of America.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 26, 1954

Dictated May 22, 1954

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have neglected one of the things you have said to do, namely, to get from the lawyers the court or courts having jurisdiction in that county, including the superior courts. If these still seem needful to do, would you write the lawyers.

They are as follows:

Chatwin M. Jackson, Jr.
Post Office Box 189
Kosciusko, Mississippi

W. C. Henson
Cartersville, Georgia

Thomas P. Fitzgerald
Giddings Lane Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Mr. Rod Nachman
511 Hill Building
Box 113
Montgomery, Alabama

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

AIR MAIL

May 27, 1954

Mr. J. L. LeFlore
NAACP
Post Office Box 1091
Mobile 6, Alabama

Dear Mr. LeFlore:

Only the swirl of activity in the wake of the Supreme Court decision has kept me from answering your letter before now.

I will be glad to speak to the Mobile Branch on June 27. The only cost would be actual travel expense there and back. I will look forward to hearing from you further about the exact time and place of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab
Dictated by Mr. Fleming - signed in
his absence

Copies to: Katherine Stoney
Mrs. M. E. Tilly

May 27, 1954

Dictated May 19

Reverend George E. Clary
Chairman,
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Reverend Clary:

This confirms our arrangements about the employment by the Georgia Interracial Committee of Mr. Guy H. Wells as the Georgia Committee's Executive Secretary. Mr. Wells is to enter the employ of the Georgia Committee on or about June 1. The Southern Regional Council accepts responsibility for providing to the Georgia Interracial Committee, funds to cover Mr. Wells' salary, at a rate of $5,000 a year from August 1, forward. In the absence of funds presently available to the Georgia Committee for covering his salary for June and July, the Southern Regional Council would be willing to make funds available to the Georgia Committee to cover for those two months; but it is the clear responsibility of the Georgia Interracial Committee to raise sufficient funds, in addition to the $1800 previously agreed as needful to be raised, to bring the budget of the Georgia Interracial Committee in balance by or before September 30, 1955.

In technical terms, that means that the Southern Regional Council is willing to cover the salary of Mr. Wells from June 1 through September 30, 1955, providing that the total sum to be paid by the Southern Regional Council on the account of the Georgia Interracial Committee before September 30, 1955, does not exceed $13,233.00.

On written notification from you, the Southern Regional Council will begin, therefore, to issue salary checks to Mr. Wells.

It is agreed that in subsequent years of the employment of Mr. Wells his salary figure will be $5,500. The Southern Regional Council is not in a position to make a definite commitment to assist the Georgia Interracial Committee beyond September, 1955, but we have every expectation to assist the Georgia Interracial Committee on a diminishing scale to and through September 30, 1957, provided that the Georgia Interracial Committee remains in general policy agreement with the Southern Regional Council and raises the sums described in our negotiations. These were, I believe, for the second year $3,500, and for the third year approximately $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 27, 1954

Mr. Maxwell S. Stewart
Editor
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East Thirty-Eighth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I have read the galleys of the segregation pamphlet and find very little to comment on. The typo on galley seven is of the variety that often eludes proofreaders, so I call attention to it.

The sentence circled on galley three lost its meaning in the revision. The original sentence was admittedly inaccurate in referring to "few, if any, Negro colleges." I should have said "few, if any, state supported colleges for Negroes." The whole point is that the Sweatt decision effectively nullified "Separate but Equal" at the graduate and professional level. As the sentence now stands the point is lost.

It seems to me that, with the last sentence of the manuscript deleted, the pamphlet ends rather abruptly. If the original sentence seems inappropriate, you might want to consider adding another that would sound a note of finality.

In all other respects I think the changes in the manuscript are excellent.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab
Enclosure

May 28, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Many thanks for the letter for Sangree.

I quite see the point of the Kosciusko lawyer. As he is County Prosecuting Attorney he could not take on more than routine introduction. I have written him as enclosed.

I told Sangree about you and I hope that he will find an opportunity to get to Hattiesburg and pay you a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 28, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

This confirms our telephone conversation.

You undertook to get out a letter to each of the young men at their official stations, giving them instructions on the matter of obtaining whatever information is available on previous investigations. In addition to getting the information, there is of course the matter of where the information should be spaced on the questionnaire.

I said that even if the information were not available in all counties, it might be available as to the persons sentenced in some counties.

I will be in this office through Tuesday, June 1, and beginning Wednesday, June 2, will be driving North to Port Jervis, New York, returning to Guilford College on the evening of Sunday, June 6. Alice and I will be there through Friday, June 11, teaching at some sort of Institute at Guilford.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

May 28, 1954

Dr. Henry Ehlers
University of Minnesota
Duluth Branch
Duluth 5, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Ehlers:

Here is a copy of The Schools and the Courts. You should send us fifteen cents if you care to.

The Southern Regional Council believes in implementing the decision of the Supreme Court, though we recognize that it will be a difficult process.

There is an excellent article by John Popham in the Chattanooga Times and, I believe, in the New York Times for Sunday, May 23, Page E 5. Popham is Southern correspondent for the New York Times, quartered in the offices of the Chattanooga Times. He consulted us to some extent in the preparation of the article.

We have a new pamphlet on the whole matter coming out June 16, called Answers for Action, and I will see that you are sent a copy of that.

I send you, also, a copy of an article I have done all too hastily for a forthcoming issue of The Journal of Negro Education.

Sorry that you catch us at a time when everything is on the turn and things we want to get out are not yet in print.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Barry M. Freeman
19 Cherry Lane
Caldwell, New Jersey

Dear Barry:

I do not know how much I can do, but why not see what the AFSC is doing in Washington. That girl, Irene Osborne, ought to be in need of new able people to help with the newly announced program of the Washington school board of doing what is right.

Meanwhile, if you ever come to Atlanta, come to see us and let's talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Reverend Carl R. ~~Pritchard~~ Pritchett
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Pritchard:

I should think your Commission should be appointed by the Mayor from a list suggested to him, the list to contain very carefully chosen persons, many of whom would be interested churchmen.

It would be a splendid thing if Anderson would do this.

I happen to be driving through Anderson this coming Wednesday, June 2, and should reach there about 10:00 in the morning. I will call on you at the church and greatly hope that I will find you there. So much in these matters is most soundly got at in personal conversations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Lauris Whitman
National Council of Churches of Christ in
The United States of America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Lauris Whitman:

Horace Cayton and I are good friends as you know. I think the churches are going to rally to their jobs and play a major part in the work that confronts the South in the next few years.

Come to Atlanta and we can sit down and talk about it.

I am at Guilford College near Greensboro at some Institute or other June 6-11, and in Atlanta for some days after that. After that I have to be in Florida June 17 and 18.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Richard L. Plaut
National Scholarship Service
31 West 110th Street
New York 26, New York

Dear Mr. Plaut:

Of course I will do all I can to get early news to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Anna Holden
Harold Fleming

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

Very nice to have news from Alice of your call. I am sorry I was away and missed the TV broadcast, but I will try to pick up the NBC one.

It is a great help to these national program people when some down here will give a favorable or hopeful turn to the news.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Ed Morgan
CBS
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Many thanks for you nice note from the plane. I didn't hear or see either show, but friends told me about both. I was particularly told that you made skillful and helpful use of the bit about the South's need for education.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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31 West 110th Street
New York 26, New York

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Anna Holden
Harold Fleming

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

When I got to the shoe factory they did not have Booba's size in the seconds. The sho' 'nuff good ones cost $4.30, which I thought was high, so I did not buy any, and herewith send you back two good solid bucks.

Just as last year, my classes were fussy from the second day, and by the end of the fourth day nearly everybody had come around.

Old Brother Hawkins from Gadsden told me that the young fellows that come up these day went to work after the Depression, and after the unions were recognized, and that they think that the kind of money they make now is good forever and all you have to do is wish about anything and talk about collective bargaining and shop stewards, and leave them alone. Still I had that experience dearest to any teacher's pride, of having enough of them come up to me at the end of the whole business and say I changed their minds.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - $2.00

May 31, 1954

Mr. Harold J. Weekly
Community Chest and Council
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Harold:

My oldest daughter has been a Senior this year in the Druid Hills High School. Two or three months ago her sociology course required of her a Spring project. Various of us recommended that she write up the Greenville Survey. She is an art student and chose to do it a la funny-book. Her teacher gave her an "A+" and said it was the best paper she, the teacher, had ever received.

I am sure that many of your friends in Greenville will enjoy looking at the various pictures. My favorite is at the bottom of the sixth picture page -- the visit of the tooth-dentist. But the one of the little girl in the rain at the bottom of the twelfth picture page runs it a close second.

Somebody in our office likes film strips and says this has ready adaptability to such a use. But I merely send it on as of interest to you. Please keep a string to it, metaphorically, and mail it back for my daughter, Ellen, when it will have served its purpose in Greenville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

To: Katherine Stoney

I saw Brownie Lee Jones the other day. She said she sent us $10.00 about three weeks ago and got a receipt for $3.00. Will you write her a note?

She loves us.

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

The Honorable Brooks Hays
United States House of
Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hays:

So much has happened that I am disastrously late in sending you copies of the Fisk "DO" on railway segregation.

I see that the Congress has already gotten into action on the matter and that you played a man's part. But here are ten copies anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

(Copies sent under separate cover)

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Miss Anne Queen
335 McIver Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Anne:

I am whirling around so fast these days that news only hits peripherally -- and better still centrifugally. I had my mind all set for you to be going to the outer ends and now you land up in Cone Hospital. But I am glad you are going to stay and help us all in this part of the world.

I hear great things out of Greensboro. I sent a guy named George McLean to see you and talk to you. He is a good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Emil Willimetz
Madisonville,
Tennessee

Dear Emil:

A thousand thanks to you and Paul for the pix-taking on the Williamsburg meeting. The staff has been very appreciative of the pictures. I will give them out to various of those who were present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Miss Mary Esther Gaulden
196 North Purdue, 310
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Miss Gaulden:

I am late in getting around to sending you what things we have on schools, but they are going out separately to you now. The cost adds up to $.75.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(copies sent under
separate cover)

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. R. Lanier Hunt
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Lanier:

The other evening I was quite briefly in Greenville and I went to see Dick Foster. In hurried conversation he told me of some very helpful consequences of your visit. It had been not without connivance that you had as your passenger to Columbia Mr. L. P. Hollis -- influential of course but less than fully persuaded. Later on Hollis undertook the lead in a clear cut and important way in talking to one of the local civic groups.

My friends in Greenville were satisfied that Hollis' views, in no small part, reflected his experience on the trip with you. At any rate, my friends in Greenville were greatly pleased and directly connected the matter with your visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

CONFIDENTIAL

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mrs. Carmen Lucia
Keener Hotel
Winchester, Tennessee

Dear Carmen:

Two or three people at the CIO school at Junaluska last week told me you are trying hard to get organizations going in Winchester. I have put down a note for myself to stop and see you whenever I get to the town -- which occasionally I do. Could Sewanee help you any? They are close by and must know people in Winchester.

We all miss you in Atlanta.

Saw Ken and Agnes who sent love.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Mr. Samuel N. Slie
708 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Slie:

Nice of you to send the population and planning dope that Gladden did. Most interesting, and I enjoyed reading it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Charles A. McLean
NAACP
1605 Hattie Avenue
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McLean:

Anna Holden wrote that she had a nice visit with you and you were helpful to her. Could we get you to be a member of the Southern Regional Council? It doesn't cost but $3.00 a year and you would be receiving our magazine and whatever we can get going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Anna Holden

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Roscoe Giffin
Department of Sociology
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Giffin:

What you say about Menefee sounds all right and I am perfectly willing to make a deal with him for the time available to him. Say from July 5 to August 30 or September 10.

The best plan is for him to come down here for a briefing session at some mutually agreeable time in June. My dates are scarce. Monday or Tuesday, June 14 or 15, would work with me. I would pay his travel down here and back to Berea.

Glad to hear that Kentucky moves forward.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Tartt Bell
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

A good guy we know, named George McMillan, at Aiken, South Carolina, has a commission from The Reporter to do a story about Greensboro and the schools business. I talked with McMillan today and gave the names of a few people up there who would help him, and promised to write to you and say that McMillan is a straight guy. His wife worked for us for years at the Farm Security Administration and George and I have been good friends since he came down to these parts.

He is a Knoxville boy, with an excellent record in the Marine Corps and did a prize winning book on the First Marine Division, and had a Guggenheim for doing something on things Southern. Now free-lancing. Sometimes a bit picturesque in his language for Quaker connections, but a sound and able technician. Do help him if you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Joseph R. Fiszman
~~Gershon Printing Company~~
~~116 Mitchell Street, S. W.~~ Ltr. returned.
~~Atlanta, Georgia~~

Dear Mr. Fiszman:

Many thanks for The New Leader article, which I enjoyed and thought pretty right and not untimely.

I am sorry you and your wife will be going away. I am at home through June 2nd only, and on the 3rd I am gone until the 13th. I do wish the two of you would come see us before you go.

And do come back!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Mr. Ed Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

Last Friday I discussed with George Mitchell your comments on the "Equal Penalties" schedule, and we then called Marion Wright. He readily agreed that the previous criminal record oftthe offender is vital to interpretation of the findings and undertook to communicate directly with each of the student investigators.

We can rest assured that the students will understand the importance of that information and will take all reasonable steps to get it. If they report insuperable difficulties, I will let you know. We are greatly indebted to you for catching that oversight.

I enjoyed our conversation while you here and hope we will soon have an opportunity for more.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. G. K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Many thanks for your letter of May 20. I am uneasy about the matter you mention, and have arranged for Marion Wright, the President of the Council, to meet me early in June and I will see if we can plan suitable steps.

Congratulations on the Twentieth Anniversary! I greatly wish I could be in New York for the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mr. Edward F. Burrows
Guilford College
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Ed.:

I ought to be getting back to Atlanta just about June 13, 14, or 15. Much pleasure to see you after you get here.

Anything in the world in our files is here for you.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Mrs. W. J. Moulder
Fellowship House of Knoxville
Box 725
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Moulder:

I enjoyed the Knoxville meeting a lot and found it a representative audience — even though I didn't get into the speech the things that would have made the occasion organizationally more useful to Fellowship House. But you were a gracious hostess. Mr. Beckman I understand.

I hear all sorts of encouraging things out of Knoxville. Greensboro has taken the lead in North Carolina, now let Knoxville hold its lead and carry Tennessee along with it.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1954

Dictated May 28

Father Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Institute of Social Order
3655 West Pine Boulevard
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

I have had opportunity to tell Father Maurice how greatly I enjoyed the evening at the Dinkler Plaza in Atlanta. I am aware of how choice a privilege I have had in sharing that fellowship.

Interesting to have seen in yesterday's paper about Msgr. Bezou in the New Orleans Diocese. I should think that in the Diocese of Alexandria there could be real progress with small local discussion groups. That is the beginning of everything. One of my wise Negro friends, Professor Parrish at Louisville, wrote me the other day "It should be emphasized that pressures from above may easily become authoritarian and thus impede and even stop the democratic process. Quick gains undemocratically achieved are not likely to endure." If even a few people of both groups in a town, or a Parish, agree and know the facts, wider agreement will follow from that.

I wonder if it would not be well for a church group to do a pamphlet that would serve as a basis for neighborhood discussion groups? We will get one out June 16th called Answers for Action that prints the map I showed you the other evening and prints the decision, or the heart of it, and covers the background of the problem and then proposes local things to do. That general sort of material coupled in a single booklet with the doctrine of the Church on the point could be helpful.

There should be, I should think, some discussion of how it was done in St. Louis and Archbishop Lucy's action, and the stand taken by Bishop Waters. If people feel that this problem has been faced and solved agreeably in other communities, they will then more readily tackle it on their own.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

Mr. Wilbur Zelinsky
The University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Zelinsky:

I read the "Greek Revival House" with much interest — also log cabins!

Much success.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Katherine Stoney

From: George S. Mitchell

I have today worked out an arrangement with Professor Earl Brewer at Emory.

We will pay him a flat fee of $600 for turning out (and if possible by July 7) a manuscript reviewing American and Southern experiences with public human relations agencies, primarily municipal ones. In addition to the fee for the preparation of the manuscript, he will be entitled to travel expenses on our usual terms and may employ outside secretarial assistance if needed up to $50.00 worth, or more by agreement.

Payment of fee to be made at the conclusion of the job.

Payment of travel to be on an advance or recompense basis as he may wish.

He may take file material from our files to his home and use it there -- returning it to SRC.

Secretarial and typing services will be available to him at SRC's office.

cc: Harold Fleming
Anna Holden
Earl Brewer

June 1, 1954

Mr. C. L. Harper
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Harper:

I greatly appreciate the letter of May 27th, with the actual text of the "Atlanta Declaration." I do not see how the NAACP could have set any other course than this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

Mr. H. Daniel Carpenter
129 East Fifty-Second Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

How very kind of you to write so warmly May 24.

We have been a little lonely all these years and find it mighty nice to be "seeing how great a cloud of witnesses we are compassed 'round about."

Here are a few back issues of our small magazine. We would like you to subscribe to it. Only cost -- $1.50.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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(Magazines sent under separate cover)

June 1, 1954

Mr. Lambert Davis
University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Davis:

I thank you for your wire about the revised Ashmore Report with the decision in.

We will incorporate notices of the book in these two new forms in our pamphlet, now scheduled for publication June 16.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

Most Reverend John J. Russell
114 Broad Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Bishop Russell:

Most kind of you to ask me to come to Rock Hill, to be there beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 22, and talk about a study of the State of South Carolina.

I will be there with much pleasure and I am looking forward to the occasion.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

Mr. David Potter
24 Felden Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear David:

Glad you are on the job, and hope all goes well.

Be free to get in touch with us if we can help you at any time. Social Security Number duly noted.

I am to be out of Atlanta June 3-14, and Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, will be in charge. We have two telephones, WAlnut 7963 or WAlnut 1821.

I trust you received from Marion Wright the additional Page 9 to "Instructions to Research Assistants," Addendum #2.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl: Addendum #2

June 1, 1954

Mrs. John D. Rust
John Rust Foundation
508 Simmons Building
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Rust:

I write to ask you to remember about us and to try to include the Council in whatever plans the Foundation may shape up.

On April 1, of this year the Fund for the Republic gave us a substantial grant ($240,000) for the setting up of active race relations programs in each of twelve Southern states. Various people in Arkansas are making preliminary plans now for establishing such a group in your state in the early Autumn months. Of course, with the schools business, there is crowding on us far more than we have time or wit to handle. But, increasingly, the things that the Council knows how to do are useful.

The grant from the Fund for the Republic lays on us the condition of raising, between now and September 30, 1955, $40,000 for the support of this central office alone. And each of the fledgeling state organizations must find at least $1,800.00 from one good friend or another. We have already managed about $7,000 toward the $40,000, but I am conscious of the huge gap that looms ahead and that we must fill.

I think Mr. Rust considered our program so much along the line of what he wanted to accomplish himself.

A hard matter that his energy and careful judgement are stilled.

I and the Council were honored by his and your friendship and help. I do hope that you will, as the months move along, wish us to have the aid of the John Rust Foundation again.

In January Mr. Rust said that he hoped by May of this year the Supreme Court's decision on your royalties would be rendered. It is a sad matter that so many obstacles are put in the way of paying over to the Foundation, and to you, the proper fruits of Mr. Rust's devotion and insight.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

Mr. Irwin Block
4870 Southwest Fifth Terrace
Miami 44, Florida

Dear Mr. Block:

I admire the things you have done and what you know. There is to be a single executive job for our State program in Florida, plus the part-time services of an associate, shared with one other State, plus a clerk. Selection is in the hands of the State organization, in this instance the Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Barnett Building, Jacksonville, is the Chairman.

Why don't you talk with him, or write him. It isn't immediate, since there's no money for taking on staff till October.

I do not influence the bargain; it is entirely the selection of our Florida people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

Reverend Francis B. Wakefield, Jr.
All Saints' Church
151 South Ann Street
Mobile 20, Alabama

Dear Reverend Wakefield:

Your letter has the finest of news and I am delighted to accept its greatly appreciated invitation. You can count on my being available from Friday evening until Sunday morning. I expect I will drive over and make my way independently up to Camp McDowell.

At a later date you should send me some more directions for reaching the camp.

I, too, think that the decision of the Provincial Conference about diocesan meetings was in just the right spirit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

Mr. Monte M. Lemann
1424 Whitney Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Lemann:

Most kind of you to agree for Morris Abram and Harold Fleming to come to see you. They will appear in your office at a few minutes before 12:00 on Thursday, June 10, and hope you will let them take you to lunch.

I believe the three of you can plan some very useful things.

You said you would be kind enough to try to work it out for the two young men to meet Mr. Stern.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Morris Abram

June 1, 1954

Mr. Morris H. Rubin
Editor
The Progressive Magazine
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Rubin:

How very nice to have your letter of May 26, and to know that my friend Alvin Friedman, had pressed you toward interest in our Council.

We are delighted to make you a subscriber to New South, and herewith send you a bill for the bold sum of $1.50.

I take The Progressive and really read it. Mighty near all of it every time. Good stuff, well put, right point of view, nearly every time!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

June 1, 1954

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Editorial Director
Piedmont Publishing Company
P. O. Box 2509
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

Fine that the panel is so nearly arranged. John MacLachlan is the best informed man in the South on population information, and that is a key to the school problem. I don't know him myself, and don't know how far he has got in personal adjustment to non-segregation, but we all have great respect for his knowledge and for his personality. I hear some doubt expressed as to whether he will be suitable as a moderator. Well if you used him to pour in the facts, and Bennie Mays and myself to do the wrangling.

But still we think Harry Ashmore is the man you would be best off with.

Thanks for the note on expenses. The Grove Park Inn is above my personal means.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1954

The University of St. Andrews
St. Andrews,
Scotland

Gentlemen:

I have a daughter, Charlotte Sinclair Mitchell. Aetat 16. In about three years, I think she would be best off if she could gain admission to St. Andrews. I would send her to some college hereabouts, perhaps William and Mary, for her first college year and would hope that in the Autumn of 1957 she could be admitted to St. Andrews.

There may be this or that tottering don still at Balliol who would speak not too disparagingly of my three years there — 1926-29.

Some general printed statement of admission requirements at St. Andrews I have, though it is four or five years old. Is there someone in capacity of sub-sub-Dean who could write me advice as to how the child should shape her next three years of study? How much Latin? How much Greek? What in mathematics? Modern languages? She would take a straight Arts course.

And what do I do about placing Charlotte's name on a waiting list?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P.S. Lacking exchange, I send my nearest equivalent to a Scottish banknote to cover a fresh announcement and postage. If a balance remains, drop the shillings into the box for this good cause or that.

June 3, 1954

Mr. Herman H. Long
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

Dr. Mitchell has commissioned Professor Earl Brewer, of Emory University, to do a manuscript reviewing American and Southern experiences with public human relations agencies, primarily municipal ones.

Professor Brewer is in process of pulling together materials for the manuscript and would like to talk with you. He will be in your city on Tuesday, June 8th and Wednesday, June 9th. Would it be possible for Professor Brewer to come in to talk with you on one of those dates after 4:00 in the afternoon?

I would appreciate it if you would wire me collect about this, as Professor Brewer is leaving Atlanta Monday, June 7th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

June 2, 1954

Mr. Charles H. Thompson
Editor
Journal of Negro Education
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Here is my effort. Give it any title you want. And I am willing, of course, for needful revision. If it is way off the beam let me know and I will try again.

The truth is that we are all in such a whirl that it is a little hard to settle and think; a problem that we all face and that we must all solve.

Meanwhile that was a noble decision. And after the noise of these bad eggs subsides, I am satisfied that the South will turn in and do the job. Not right away, but suprisingly well.

I had occasion in talking with a labor group the other day to refer the whole matter to clause 7A in NAIRO. Here were labor guys who had been struggling for thirty years -- or fifty, or ninety -- to get recognition of collective bargaining. Bloppo! Mr. FDR gave it to them! And labor measured up. Now here's confirmation of a principle worked toward for a long long time and all involved will measure up. It won't be handsomely achieved in every spot. Neither has collective bargaining been achieved everywhere in a rush. But the principle is here forever and the practice will grow fast.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 4, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. George S. Mitchell

From: Harold C. Fleming

Here's a pretty kettle of fish from New Orleans. As you will see, they have proceeded to hire a staff person effective June 1, apparently oblivious to the fact that such appointment was supposed to be cleared here and, in any case, could not be effective until October 1 or 2.

Since the party involved is Mrs. Adler, we felt you should handle the problem personally. If you want us to do something about it let us know.

Grace, Kack, and I agree that this indicates a basic confusion that is likely to be shared by the people in the other states. As you will recall, Memorandums One and Two (copies enclosed) make no explicit statement about the time factor involved in getting started. Lest we have a repetition of this elsewhere, we think it well to send off a brief Memorandum Three clarifying the situation with respect to staff appointments. If this seems unwise to you, please call as soon as you can.

Regards,

June 4, 1954

Mr. Emil Willimetz
Box 488
Madisonville, Tennessee

Dear Emil:

Grace Hamilton and I have finally had a chance to discuss the matter of a film strip. She feels -- and I agree -- that it would be premature to go ahead with such a project just now. For one thing, we are all snowed under with new demands, organizational and program, so that we couldn't give the thought and planning to the film strip that we should. Moreover, we are in the midst of working out the expanded state organizations which would be the main channels for visual aids. It would make sense to get them well underway, and to get a better idea of their needs before we embarked on a film strip.

All this means delay but I hope not abandonment of the idea.

I greatly appreciate your making the trek down here to advise us on it and will hope to talk with you more specifically when we get further along.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 4, 1954

Mr. David Potter
24 Felden Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Potter:

Since your phone call the other day, I have reviewed the mimeographed instructions and refreshed my memory on our discussions here at the Council.

You will recall that Mation Wright pointed out that the adverse party data would probably not appear in the court house records and might prove very difficult to get. The suggestion was that this information be pursued in other local records -- namely, those records listed under Item 1, plus statements or newspaper files, if necessary. It was also recognized that in many cases sex, age, and race of adverse party might prove impossible to find by reasonable means. In such cases we would simply have to do without.

I trust by now you have received the second Addendum which calls for the record of previous convictions of the offender. This information is extremely important in any comparison of sentences. I hope you will find that it can be obtained without too much difficulty.

We are glad to hear that you have gotten off to such a good start. We have now heard from most of the other students. They all have been met with friendliness and cooperation, including Mr. Sangree in Kosciusko, Mississippi. Let us know if any unanticipated obstacles appear.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 4, 1954

Dean Armistead S. Pride
Lincoln University
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Dean Pride:

Our earnest apologies for this delayed answer to your letter of May 19. Dr. Mitchell has been away almost continuously and our Research Assistant has been on leave.

You are quite right, of course, about the quietness with which many newspapers change their racial policy, and we can certainly lay no claim to comprehensiveness in our round-up on courtesy titles. The attached list merely cites those newspapers which have come to our attention one way or another.

Editor and Publisher for December 13, 1952, carried an article by Robert W. Brown, Editor, Columbus (Georgia) Ledger, reporting the results of the survey of thirty-four Southern dailies with respect to racial practices. The issue of New South enclosed gives brief mention of it. You might want to lay hands on the full article.

It is about time somebody did another thorough-going study of the whole situation, but it will be a while before we will be able to take that on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab
Encls.

June 4, 1954

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

George Mitchell is away, so I am answering your memo of June 1.

The decision will be carried in full in a pamphlet which we now have in the works to be titled Answers for Action: Schools in the South. However, it will be a matter of several weeks before that is in print.

The decision will also be printed in the revised edition of the Ashmore Report due out in about two weeks. Incidentally, there is supposed to be a paperbound edition at $1.50 each.

If you need only a single text of the decision, the best printing of it I have seen was in U. S. News and World Report for May 28 -- coupled with the Washington decision and notes.

I know of no plans to print it separately in quantity.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 4, 1954

Mr. Bernard Berelson
Director
Behavioral Sciences Division
The Ford Foundation
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Berelson:

Thank you for your invitation to the one day planning session of June 23. I shall be delighted to come.

Within the next week or so, I will try to get down on paper any ideas I may have that would contribute to the agenda.

In the course of the Ashmore Project, I often heard Phil Coombs speak of you. I will look forward to our getting acquainted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 4, 1954

Miss Helen Amerman
NAIRO
5439 South Kimbark
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss Amerman:

The Southern Regional Council has commissioned Professor Earl Brewer, of Emory University, to do a manuscript reviewing American and Southern experiences with public human relations agencies, primarily municipal ones.

Professor Brewer is in process of pulling together materials for the manuscript and will be in Chicago on Monday, June 14th. Please let me know if it will be convenient for you to talk with him sometime during the morning of that date.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 4, 1954

Mr. Fritz Pollard
Commission on Human Relations
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Pollard:

The Southern Regional Council has commissioned Professor Earl Brewer, of Emory University, to do a manuscript reviewing American and Southern experiences with public human relations agencies, primarily municipal ones.

Professor Brewer is in process of pulling together materials for the manuscript and will be in Chicago on Monday, June 14th. Please let me know if it will be convenient for you to talk with him sometime during the afternoon of that date.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

June 8, 1954

Mr. Milton H. Sangree, Jr.
c/o Mrs. Ward
403 North Jackson Street
Kosciusko, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Sangree:

Sorry you are having such a rough time. It sounds as though you have handled the difficult situations that have arisen as well as you could under the circumstances. If community relations become seriously complicated, don't hesitate to call or visit Rabbi Mantinband in Hattiesburg and discuss these difficulties with him. Also, feel perfectly free to call me here at any time.

Am I correct in thinking that the case load there is relatively light? It wasn't clear to me how many cases you would have to research. Our thinking is that as soon as you had completed the job there, you would shift to Montgomery, where you can assist Potter with a case load of more than 1,000. Let me know what the project appears to you to be.

As to the various points which you raise:

(1) You are correct in ignoring cases of grand larceny remanded to the files.

(2) Do the best you can with marital records and adverse party data; we know they are hard to get.

(3) Forgery cases are not to be included as I understand it. (I am to talk with Marion Wright by telephone tomorrow morning and will raise this and any other unclear points with him; and will let you know if his judgement differs from mine.)

(4) On previous criminal record, our interest is in the information that was actually before the judge at the time sentence was pronounced. This is pretty important, and I hope you will be able to find it. If only the Attala County record is considered by the judge, then you need not inquire further.

(5) Quite right to get all the data you can from the courthouse records before exploring education, voting, marriage records, etc. Don't be unduly concerned about mailing schedules to us before they are completed.

(6) Ignore cases in which the sentence is reversed by a higher court.

(7) Ignore "False Pretenses."

(8) If simple assault is defined as a misdemeanor, we are not interested in it. The same criterion would apply to the questions of pointing and/or discharging a weapon. We are interested if they were classed as felonies, not if classed as misdemeanors. Perhaps the local attorney would be willing to advise you on this technical point.

(9) Your number 6346 does not, in my opinion, fall within the scope of the study -- i.e., giving deed or trust on property not owned.

Yours is a difficult assignment, and we want you to know that we are not asking you to undergo an undue amount of unpleasantness. Call at any time you feel there are problems that need to be discussed or questions to be decided quickly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 8, 1954

The Drake Hotel
440 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I shall be arriving in New York City on Monday, June 21, at about 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. I would appreciate a single reservation for the nights of the 21st and the 22nd.

Please advise me whether or not you can accommodate me on those dates.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Mr. E. Berkeley Harris, Jr.
YMCA
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Harris:

You are quite right that it is impossible to send in completed questionnaires without shuttling between different stations. Proceed according to Paragraph 4, Page 5, and disregard the instruction to send in the first few schedules.

It sounds as though the city court has general concurrent jurisdiction over the cases in which we are interested. You might confirm this with your local lawyer or the clerk of the county court. If that is the case, you should examine the city court records as well on those crimes which fall within the scope of the study.

I believe Miss Stoney has sent the rest of your material. If you don't have it yet, you will have within a day or two.

Some of the other students have had considerable difficulty finding the data on adverse party. If you run into the same difficulty, you might try the local tax records as a possible source.

Let me know how you get along and, at any time, if advice is needed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

We have temporarily taken on Earl Brewer, an Emory University sociologist, to gather the dope on official human relations committees, with a view toward formulating information that will be helpful to Southern communities interested in this device. He will soon go to Chicago and Cincinnati and, perhaps, a few other points to study the non-Southern experience. He also wants to visit the appropriate Southern places which have had some sort of experience bearing on the question.

He plans to be in Greensboro Thursday morning, June 17, at about 10:30 a.m. He will be there only part of the day. Could you see him sometime between 10:30 and, say, 1:00 on that day? If not, could you suggest anyone else there whom it will be helpful for him to talk to?

I am sure you have about as little time as I do for interviews of this kind. But I do think that Brewer can benefit from your experience and wisdom in these matters.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Mr. Charles V. Brown
128 West Cherokee
Cartersville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for copies of the initial questionnaires and the correspondence of June 2nd and 3rd. I don't believe it will be necessary for you to forward any more schedules.

You are quite right to drop the cases which have been nol prossed. As to the larceny cases, I think you should follow the definition locally used to distinguish grand from petty larceny. And so take no further interest in the cases involving less than $50.00. As I understand it, we are interested in felonies which would not include petty larceny. You might check this carefully -- felonies as against misdemeanors -- with Mr. Henson.

I will do my best to learn something about the filing system of the Board of Corrections here in Atlanta in anticipation of your coming. The staff situation being what it is, that may be impossible. But in any case, stick there until you have exhausted the local records, and then come ahead to Atlanta. I should think you would have no difficulty in securing the information you need from the forms on file at the Board of Corrections.

Glad you are getting along so well there and that the research is going smoothly. Let me know if difficulties or problems arise.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter of June 3.

I believe the assumption is correct that the background would be lacking for offenders of both racial groups, at least in any written or organized form. So any attempt to measure the influence of this factor would get us into the subjective processes of the judges, and will necessarily have to be foregone.

I wonder if the AJC has attempted to pull together any comment from other countries on the Supreme Court's decision on public school segregation. If you have, we could make good use of any summary that you might plan to circulate.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Mr. David Potter
24 Felden Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Potter:

Sorry to hear of your difficulties with the County Clerk. I hope you will find it possible, perhaps with the help of your lawyer-adviser, to induce the clerk to allow you to remain for the duration of your month. If all efforts fail, we will simply have to make the best of a bad situation. But do keep us advised of your negotiations to this end and your success or lack of it.

As to the heavy case load, I hope we can pull loose one of the students from a rural county before too long to assist you in running down out-of-courthouse records. It will probably be Sangree, now in Attala County, Mississippi. If this works out, the two of you would need to work in close coordination. There seems to be no other remedy since obviously two researches underfoot in the courthouse would not be acceptable to the harrassed clerk.

Johnson, in Winston Salem, has found the data on adverse party readily available in local tax records. It may be that the same records in Montgomery would simplify matters for you.

We understand the difficulty about sending in the original schedules when you have not yet had a chance to complete them from other records. Hold on to them and concentrate on the court records for the precious days you have there.

Keep us posted on your situation as it develops and let us know if new difficulties appear.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Mr. Charles L. Carrington
Baltimore Area Pastors School
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carrington:

We are sending, under separate cover, fifty-five copies of the only pamphlet immediately available on the Supreme Court's decision -- Questions and Answers. The Southern Regional Council has in process a pamphlet suggesting areas for action in communities. We regret that it will not be available by June 14.

For such use as they may be to you, I enclose a set of summaries from a workshop on Integration in Education held at the Highlander Folk School the Summer of 1953. You, perhaps, will find suggestions for consideration by the members of your group.

You may also find useful a pamphlet prepared by the American Friends Service Committee, entitled "Integration of Washington Schools." You, perhaps, can secure this from the American Friends Service Committee's office in Greensboro.

Sincerely,

Grace T. Hamilton

GTH/eab
Encls.

June 9, 1954

Mr. James Cass
National Citizens Commission for the
Public Schools
2 West Forty-Fifth Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Cass:

I have heard very good things about your program on The Negro and the Schools, though I had no opportunity to hear it myself. John Scanlon has writtem me that it might be possible for us to get a tape recording of it for use by local discussion groups. I would appreciate your letting me know what the prospects are.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

We have temporarily engaged Earl Brewer, an Emory University sociologist, to collect the information about official human relations committees in a form that will be helpful to Southern communities.

If at all possible, Brewer would appreciate a chance to talk with you in Rock Hill around 3:00 p.m. on June 18. If that does not fit your schedule, can you suggest someone else there whom he could possibly talk to? He will be driving through on his way from Charlotte to Atlanta.

I hope the Committee there is coming along well, and I am hoping for an early opportunity to talk with you again in the light of the recent Supreme Court decision.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 9, 1954

Mr. John J. Scanlon
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

Thanks for the word about the NCCPS radio program on the book. I had heard about it in advance, but unfortunately the local outlet didn't carry it. I will write Cass about the possibility of our getting a tape.

The Reporting Service sounds fine indeed. We had a pleasant evening with Phil while he was here for the Morehouse Commencement and heard about it in more detail. Score another one for the FAE.

I have been able to distribute my small supply of *The Negro and the Schools* to pretty good advantage: For example, one to Max Gilstrap of *The Christian Science Monitor*, who is doing a lengthy series on the Southern schools; one to Henry Lesesne, who writes for the *Monitor*, the *Herald Tribune*, and the *Baltimore Sun*; and one to Alfred Mynders, Editor of the *Chattanooga Times*, who is using it for a purpose that will become clear in a minute. What I am building up to, of course, is a request for more copies if you can spare them. We could use as many as 100 to good effect, without interfering with the commercial market, but we will be grateful for whatever we can get.

You may be getting a letter presently from a Southern officer of the American Association of School Administrators, requesting that a copy be sent to every Southern school superintendent, if feasible. Hope it will be.

I am to be in New York for a couple of days the week of the 21st, and will hope for a chance to chat with you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCR/eab

June 10, 1954

Mr. Earl Brewer
c/o Mrs. Helen E. Amerman
5439 Kimbark Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brewer:

I hasten to write you re the Cincinnati appointment with the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee, Room 105, City Hall (Telephone No. GA 5700 - Line 404). Mr. Bragdon will be out of the city on the morning of the 15th, but he says that Mrs. Virginia Coffey, Assistant Director, and Miss Janet Smith, Administrative Assistant, will be able to give you all the information you need.

I have not heard from Mr. Pollard as of this date. The address of the Commission on Human Relations is 54 West Hubbard, (Telephone No. WHitehall 4-4483). Perhaps it will be possible for you to call Mr. Pollard after your conference with Mrs. Amerman and arrange for seeing him or someone else that afternoon. If I hear from Mr. Pollard tomorrow, I will send you the information in care of Mrs. Amerman.

The letter you sent to us has been mimeographed and mailed to the people on your list. (It went out today.)

Arrangements have been made for you to see Messrs Wright and Madison in Charlotte, N.C. on the 17th. Letters have been written to Mr. Tartt Bell of the American Friends Service Committee in Greensboro, N.C., and to Father Maurice Shean in Rock Hill, South Carolina, requesting appointments on the 17th and 18th, respectively. I note from your letter that you expect to be in this office on the 16th, so confirmations will probably be in and you can pick them up at that time.

I do hope you have had a pleasant and fruitful trip thus far.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

/eab

June 11, 1954

Mr. Earl Brewer
c/o Mrs. Helen E. Amerman
5439 Kimbark Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brewer:

Received a telegram this morning from Mr. Fritz Pollard. Appointment set for 2:00 p.m., June 14th.

Hurriedly,

E. Brantley

June 14, 1954

Mr. James Sells
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jim:

I am so glad that Clarence Poe is carrying in the July issue the materials on the schools question. I am disappointed a little in the conservatism of most of the statements, but of course we all know that the problem is most difficult in the rural areas, and that Southern white public opinion is as yet unprepared for the implementation of the Supreme Court's decision.

In my view, the comment from Mr. John W. Umstead comes nearest to the right method for solutions, "Why should not citizens of both races who are seriously interested in education voluntarily set up a committee in each school unit to discuss this problem and attempt a settlement that will be fair?" Two things along that line I think should be done, in as many communities as possible, and in the near future.

1. Small private local conversation groups. Four, five, or six local white people and three or four local Negro citizens. They should be people moved by real concern for democratic processes and for the exercise of Christian conscience. Such little meetings would explore the issues and go on to find the facts about the schools in their communities. If, in this way, a few people in each of the many communities come to a meeting of minds on the problem, that is the beginning of health and of solutions. The solutions will differ area by area, in haste and in many details. By and large Negroes in the Southern states have received the opinion with maturity and dignity. And they are not sparring for a fight. In those communities in which the Negro group feels that white people are meeting them half-way and are trying to work out something that is agreed within the new decision, peace and orderly progress will rule. The other side of the picture is true too: in those communities in which the white people are stiff-necked and will yield nothing, court actions affecting the local schools can be stringent and productive of needless bitterness.

2. We get near to the heart of the problem when we see that Negroes justifiably hope and ask for formal ordinary inclusion in the administrative conduct of local school systems. If the schools where our children went were entirely managed by people of another race, most parents would have little confidence in school board decisions. If, on the other hand, by appointment or by election, school administration is opened to able, courageous, representative Negro citizenry, then the Negro group feels for the first time

that it is being properly and fairly consulted on matters relating to education. Under these circumstances, local communities would have every chance of arriving at programs of action consistent with the pace of change in local sentiment. Many Southern school districts will be rewarded in agreement and in responsible citizenship if this step is taken.

The truth is that many reluctant Southern communities are caught within a pressure that is nation-wide and world-wide; and it will be necessary to concede to the interpretation of constitutional right as made. The method and speed of the agreement can reflect local opinion only if the Negro community in each instance feels that it is being honorably made a part of the conduct of the school system.

This movement has already appeared in a good many Southern communities: Newport News, Richmond, Roanoke, Raleigh, Winston Salem, Darlington, Augusta, Atlanta, Knoxville, and probably other communities. All have Negro members on their local school boards. There will be some instances, in months and years to come in the South, of very considerable tension as the Court's decision and the ultimate decrees come to be obeyed. But we may be quite sure that in these particular communities the tension will be moderate and the local solutions will be wise and workable.

So I would urge first that we build, in as many communities as possible, these local private citizen's discussion groups across the lines of race, and study the issues and learn the facts; and that, where practicable, Negroes be officially and as a matter of course brought into the actual conduct of the local schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1954

Mr. Roy Wilkins
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Delighted to be at the meeting in Dallas Thursday, July 1. I am so glad you are holding it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1954

Mrs. Kenneth Kennedy
Little Switzerland Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

I am sorry I was away when your letter of June 3rd came, and it is probably now too late to get any useful material to you.

The following is a list of the Southern cities and towns and counties which have quite lately elected or appointed Negro persons to their school boards: Newport News, Richmond, Roanoke, Raleigh, Winston Salem, Darlington, Augusta, Atlanta, Knoxville, and Gainesville, Georgia.

Also Rock Hill, South Carolina has set up a Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, mainly to work on the schools problem. The City Council in Charlotte, N.C., has authorised the Mayor to appoint such a committee. And I hear there is interest in Anderson, South Carolina and High Point, North Carolina. Best to do as you have done in Knoxville -- get a representative Negro person on the school board -- otherwise the next things are outlines in the enclosed article for the Journal of Negro Education, which I am enclosing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 14, 1954

Mrs. Demas T. Craw
League of Women Voters of Albermarle
RFD 2
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Craw:

How very kind of you to join the Southern Regional Council. Here are some back issues of New South, and a bill for $3.00 membership.

I hear that my nephew, Sidney Mitchell, turned up with a job at Mary Washington College teaching English. He will start next September, so he is out of Charlottesville, except for going back to polish up his dissertation. Kind of you to offer to help them out anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

June 14, 1954

Mr. Henry Ehlers
University of Minnesota
Duluth Branch
Duluth 5, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ehlers:

Quite right to use anything you want from Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts. We get it out in order for it to be used.

I will see that you are sent a copy of Answers for Action as soon as it comes out.

Meanwhile, thanks for $.48 in stamps duly received.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1954

Miss Mattie Russell
Curator of Manuscripts
Duke University Library
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Miss Russell:

How very kind of you to send $3.64 for postage on Miss Lucy Mason's papers.

I don't know of any collected material about Lucy's earlier career. It would have to be dug out of the files of the YWCA and the National Consumers League, for both of which she worked at one time or another.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1954

Miss Esther C. Stamats
National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I am looking forward to being present for June 21st meeting at the Henry Grady.

Unfortunately, I find I had promised to be in Rock Hill on June 22nd, but I am at your service for the 21st.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1954

Mr. Frank M. Snowden, Jr.
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Snowden:

All is straight about my being present for the morning meeting, the luncheon, and some in the afternoon of June 25th. I will be ready to make a speech on "Problems Attendant Upon Ending School Segregation," but it is rare for me to run on for a full hour!

Needn't save me a room in the dormitory as I can't yet decide about where to sleep that night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

July 6th is all right and I will expect to make a speech that evening. As a topic, I suggest "Planning in the South for Integration."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1954

Miss Dorothy Takechi
Young Women's Christian Association
National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

Here's a copy of an article I finished the other day for the Journal of Negro Education — forthcoming in a couple of weeks. It will be a handy way of passing on my suggestions for the meeting of June 23rd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 14, 1954

Mr. George Meaney
President
American Federation of Labor
American Federation of Labor Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meaney:

I have been gone for ten days on a trip and so I am only back now to express our appreciation for your most kind letter of June 1, with its check for $1,000 from the American Federation of Labor to the Southern Regional Council.

It helps us endlessly to have your support and backing.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 14, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

Many thanks for your letter, which came along in good time, and for the check. The $100 helps the Council a lot, and the $45.60 puts me in funds for all travel.

I was conscious of some undercurrent of strain this year as last year, but had the feeling that in the last day or so the strain was largely replaced with understanding. I want to learn how to do a better job for you, and will be grateful for an opportunity when we can talk frankly about the changes I should make.

Meanwhile, it was a pleasure to be with you and with your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 15, 1954

Mr. Leon Russell
Rocky Mount,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Russell:

I have asked Mr. C. H. Parrish to do some travel during the Summer months to advise us on, after consulting with you and others in the North Carolina Division, matters of personnel and program as you plan to set up the new structure.

Parrish has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for a good many years. He is the one Negro professor of the University of Louisville, after its consolidation with Louisville Municipal College. He has had much experience to add to an always wise judgement.

I hope you will give him the benefit of your frank appraisal of the problems in the State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to: Mr. C. H. Parrish

June 15, 1954

Mr. Edward Olive
Architect
High Point,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Olive:

You, and possibly some of your friends in the U.F. ought to be members of the Southern Regional Council, as a means of our keeping in touch.

Or, tentatively, you could just subscribe to New South, which only costs $1.50 as against $3.00 for membership. At any rate, I am going to be interested in what goes at High Point and would like to be regularly in touch with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1954

Dr. Will Alexander
New Hope Farm
RFD 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

A day or so after your first letter came in about farm journals, Jim Sells, in this building, who runs a column in The Progressive Farmer, showed me a proof sheet of the round-up of opinions that will be carried in the July issue of The Progressive Farmer.

I do not think very much of most of the opinions, and at Sells' invitation wrote Sells a letter of which, unfortunately, I haven't got a separate copy, urging local arrangements for a meeting of minds between white and Negro citizens and urging, also, inclusion of courageous, representative Negro persons on local school boards. I think your memorandum to Russell Lord and Clarence Poe is an excellent one. My guess is that Poe will get around to letting Lord do some more on the segregation matter a little later on.

Do talk with Dr. Lawless. We could use that thousand dollars!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1954

Professor John Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear John:

Our people in Alabama are considering as a man for the State Secretary job there, Robert Hughes, late BD from Emory, and now filling his first charge at Rockford, Alabama.

Can you find out for me what the Emory opinion of him was?

Gratefully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 15, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Dabney White
1110 Madison
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dabney and Charlotte:

That was just like old times, and I do appreciate it -- the biscuits and the chicken and the picnic and the company. And imagine having Rhea and Chip and Mrs. Van Noppen!

I ride around so much and visit so many people, but hardly ever get to go to somebody else's home and be right at home. This time I did!

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1954

Mr. Will Maslow
NAIRO
565 North Erie Street
Toledo 2, Ohio

Dear Will:

I am all right about coming up to the NAIRO meeting November 17 - 19 in Boston, and speak, if you wish me to, on the evening of November 17. Think it ought to be done. But I am a little chary of spending SRC money to send me all the way up and back.

I know NAIRO never has anything, but I would appreciate it if you could scratch around and discover, if possible, some pocket from which all or part of the expenses of the trip could be paid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

The NAACP has asked me to be at the Texas State Convention in Dallas, July 1, for some discussions on schools.

It would be convenient for me to be in Houston July 2. Do you suppose there would be opportunity for a few of us interested in the Texas Commission to get together sometime July 2? If so, would you try to get some people together?

If nobody is around but you, I would love to talk with you. Or will you be off in the cool mountains somewhere?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1954

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 East Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

I am full of warm recollection and gratitude for your kindness in sending us that strengthening check for $400. We have got to raise a mischief of a lot of money in order to sustain the goodly sums that the Fund for the Republic has put in our hands, and what you sent goes a most helpful distance toward the goal.

We are as busy as can be with all the consequences of the Supreme Court decision. I am still hoping that at some pleasant time you and I and your friends can all be together. Also, I want to see your new house!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 15, 1954

Reverend Duncan Hunter
Alexandria City, Alabama

Dear Reverend Hunter:

The enclosed items were left with us.

I have made a copy of the material about Mr. Carroll. I will be in touch with you in ten days or so.

It was extremely kind of the two of you to come over and I think we got Alabama matters much further along as a consequence .

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

June 15, 1954

Mr. E. Berkeley Harris, Jr.
YMCA
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Harris:

Good to hear from you! We were confident that you would get burrowed in.

1. The only other document I can suggest is the City Directory of Shreveport.

2. You should go to Angora if there is time. You should get as complete a run of the records as you can in Shreveport, and do the supplementary facts later in Angora.

3. I would not try to press my way into the FBI files. Shouldn't be surprised but what you would find previous convictions available at Angora.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1954

Mr. Earl G. Harrison, Jr.
Johnny J. Motel
Bamberg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Dick Foster sent me today a copy of a letter he sent Ness, explaining a little more about the Council. And I hope tending to bring Ness around to a more helpful attitude.

I hope, despite this problem, you are getting along all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Please send us a telephone number where you can be reached.

June 15, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Do let me know what you decide to do about The Southerners for Civil Rights matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1954

Mr. Myles Horton
Director
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

We hope to get out in a comparatively short time a new pamphlet called Answers for Action. Maybe it will be available by June 27 and we will send you some copies. It is going to be pretty good; summarizes the Ashmore Report briefly, reprints the highlights of the Decision, gives recommendations on things to do, and carries the population distribution map in color. Twenty cents a piece! And we could let you have 50 for $7.50, plus postage. Sight unseen, would you want 50?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 16, 1954

Dictated June 15

Mr. T. Edward Rutter
1426 North Quincy Street
Arlington 7, Virginia

Dear Mr. Rutter:

Very kind of you to write. I am devoted to Shelby Robert and have heard him speak of your interest in the problems you have in Arlington County.

By the way, I hear only praise of the careful planning that is underway.

Truth to tell, your nearest resource for advice is the office of the American Friends Service Committee, 104 "C" Street, N. E., Washington, D. C. They have profoundly studied the situation in Washington.

I am an old resident of Arlington myself, and know the many differences on our side of the roof; but a great many of the techniques of the preparation that the American Friends Service Committee people worked out will be helpful to you.

For the moment, all I can send is two pamphlets, both of which were done many months before the Supreme Court's decision. We have nearly ready for the press, another, called Answers for Action. I will see that a copy is sent you as soon as it come out.

I suppose you will have seen or read the report by Harry S. Ashmore, called The Negro and the Schools, published by the University of North Carolina Press. This is a fresh survey of the facts on the problem in the South.

One of its interesting findings is that in the Northern and border communities where intergration has gone into effect, peace reigned when the school superintendent and those immediately around them had a plan and firmly stuck to it. If they wobbled, the devil broke loose and stayed loose.

Too, I will add that besides the administrative plan, there needs to be a certain amount of advanced opinion preparation in the communities among the parents in both groups. I don't think that you have to contemplate persuading everybody concerned, but that an active group of persuaded people who have met freely on an interracial basis and reached a meeting of the minds and have learned the facts, can be very influential at the time of actual change.

Of course, you will have observed the action of Richmond, Roanoke, and Newport News, in getting representative Negro citizens on to their school boards. Where, as in your county, the Negro population is only one per cent that may be a difficult matter, but I believe I have heard that you are already freely consulting Negro opinion in the County.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mailed under separate cover this date:

Questions and Answers
Checklist

June 16, 1954

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Here's a letter Harry Jones wrote to me.

It is up to you up there to do what you want to do. I doubt that you have any plans for deciding the matter within Jones' time limit. I don't want to give him the run around, but I do think somebody ought to convey to him that he is a probable candidate or he is not.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 16, 1954

Reverend F. H. Craighill
Bruton Parish Church
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Reverend Craighill:

I have been travelling and am only just back to your kind letter of May 29. I particularly wanted just the statements you sent me, and I will read with interest the sermon.

I repeat that it was a very special pleasure for us to have you as part of the meeting, and it was most kind of you to make the Parish House available for one of the committee groups.

My daughter, Ellen Mitchell, will be a freshman at the College of William and Mary this coming year. I cannot claim on her behalf much interest in religious matters, but I have taken her past Bruton Parish Church and told her about you and have told her that you were her parson and that was her church.

Here is another copy of the Williamsburg Report.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 16, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of June 10. Glad to hear through it from Guy Johnson and Mr. Wheeler and Gurney Hood, and glad to have the material on your work.

The job is in the gift of the North Carolina people, and so I send your letter on to Guy for attention there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/esb

June 16, 1954

Mrs. Terry Johnson King
Dade County Council on Community Relations
213 Northeast Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Terry:

Nice to have news from you. I have not yet read the report and the study on "Integration by Law." --- but will soon.

I have almost no friends left in Baltimore who could help you about a job.

Sec. of
Dept. of
Pol.
Econ.

If you haven't found anything when you light, you would profit, perhaps, from talking with my old friend, /Miss Lavorello. I expect she knows about jobs around the University. She is, of course, out at the Homewood campus.

Another place to explore would be the Baltimore Urban League, which would be more likely to turn up your kind of thing.

Come to see us when you come through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 16, 1954

Dictated June 15

Mr. Davisson F. Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

I have asked Mr. C. H. Parrish to do some travel during the Summer months to advise us on, after consulting with you and others in the Florida Division, matters of personnel and program as you plan to set up the new structure.

Parrish has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for a good many years. He is the one Negro professor of the University of Louisville, after its consolidation with Louisville Municipal College. He has had much experience to add to an always wise judgement.

I hope you will give him the benefit of your frank appraisal of the problems in the State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Mr. C. H. Parrish

June 16, 1954

Dictated June 15

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I have asked Mr. C. H. Parrish to do some travel during the Summer months to advise us on, after consulting with you and others in the Mississippi Division, matters of personnel and program as you plan to set up the new structure.

Parrish has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for a good many years. He is the one Negro professor of the University of Louisville, after its consolidation with Louisville Municipal College. He has had much experience to add to an always wise judgement.

I hope you will give him the benefit of your frank appraisal of the problems in the State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Mr. C. H. Parrish

June 16, 1954

Dictated June 15

Mr. Dan C. Whitsett
107 East Spring Street
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I have asked Mr. C. H. Parrish to do some travel during the Summer months to advise us on, after consulting with you and others in the Alabama Division, matters of personnel and program as you plan to set up the new structure.

Parrish greatly admires you, and benefitted a lot from his previous Alabama trip.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to Mr. C. H. Parrish

June 16, 1954

Colonel Douglas L. Rundquist
Philadelphia Air Procurement District
Middletown Air Materiel Area
1411 Walnut Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Ref: MAHPPB3/J.C. Evans/jd

Dear Colonel Rundquist:

Many thanks for your memorandum of June 11.

A suggestion which I have made several times to personnel of the Government Contract Committee has never seemed workable, but I still think it valuable. That is, to get out releases from time to time of contracts awarded, being contracts covered by Executive Order 10479. I know that a general list of such contracts is released, but it is valueless unless broken down by cities, or at least by states. The people on the Committee staff have told me that preparing such a breakdown would be an impossibly expensive job. I also made a guess that somebody feared the invidiousness of releasing the list of contracts by states. (Some states get more than others!)

But if such lists came around to organizations like our own and local urban leagues, or were published in newspapers -- perhaps particularly in the specialized press--then I think things would begin to happen in enforcement.

I suppose you have long since come to the practice of posting a notice prominently in the personnel intake offices that the available jobs are covered by the Executive Order, and giving some reference as to how to proceed to obtain enforcement in individual instances under the Order.

The American Friends Service Committee operates, at Greensboro, North Carolina, through Mayes Behrman, 617 Market Street, an Employment on Merit Service. Mayes Behrman is skilled and effective in these matters, and will doubtless give you some helpful tips.

I regard as critically important the whole problem of enforcing the Order, and I am delighted to know that your office takes it up with earnestness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Mr. Mayes Behrman

June 16, 1954

Mr. Dumont F. Kenny
National Program Director
National Council of Christians and Jews
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Kenny:

One of the things that most observers of the present situation agree on is the importance of getting more human relations training to Southern school teachers. You people are good at this, know the ropes, and could expand rapidly in it this summer. I do hope NCCJ will find ways of taking up a still larger share of this teacher-training effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 16, 1954

Miss Mary E. Frayser
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Mary:

So glad to hear that Dr. Edwards is being helpful.

Here's a copy for you of our Memorandum #1. With this one on hand you can return Miss Finley's copy to her.

My gratitude for all you say and do and think.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 16, 1954

Dictated June 15

Mr. Lloyd L. Hogan
Division of the Social Sciences
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Many thanks for your letter of June 10. I have the attached sheet on your interests and the various things you have done. Unfortunately, we didn't get a penny that we could use in the program that we wanted for what we call "research interpretation." So we are bereft of steady economic advice and inquiry. I wish it were otherwise, but that is the way it is.

Warm regards to my friends at Talladega.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 16, 1954

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Frank:

I wrote to Mr. Ernest Mason Howell as enclosed. We have taken the notes of the leading things about him from the biographical data, and now send it back to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 16, 1954

Baker Hotel
1400 Converse Street
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

Please reserve a room for Mr. George S. Mitchell, who will arrive on the night of June 30, and plans to leave early in the evening of July 1.

Please confirm this reservation and also let me know your checking-out time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

June 16, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

I take it that I have committed us to buy 100 copies of Harold's pamphlets and will get 100 free, as this letter confirms.

Encl: Ltr. from Maxwell Stewart

Pamphlets already paid for

June 16, 1954

Dictated June 15

Mr. Cabbell Phillips,
New York Times,
1701 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cabbell:

I have been in such a swivet that I have not yet read your story about the Indiana town, but various people have told me about it, and you have sent it to me, and one of these nights soon I am going to read it and enjoy it.

Meanwhile, I hear from Will Alexander, the dean in all these matters and now living on a farm in North Carolina, that Frank Graham is interested in doing an article for The Saturday Evening Post or the New York Times Magazine on problems that confront the South and how they can be met. Frank Graham can be reached at the U.N.

Alexander has no contacts with The Saturday Evening Post, and I have only this contact through you with the New York Times, except for Bob Garst -- and this is a bit out of Bob's line. Anyhow, if the Times is interested, here's a guy who is prepared to write something good on a subject of greatest interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 16, 1954

Miss Mary Esther Gaulden
196 N. Purdue, 310
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Miss Gaulden:

Many thanks for check for $15.75, duly credited to travel expenses and $.75 cents for pamphlets. And Katherine Stoney thanks you for the $3.00 for dues, a membership we are proud to have!

It seems to me your problems are simplified!

I had a good time in your town, and am deeply grateful to you and all the others for the many kindnesses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Mrs. Moulder's treasurer is still not in with their ten, but I am writing, and suppose it will come.

Copy to: Reverend Lewis Deer
222 Downey Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 17, 1954

Mr. Paul Poeschel
Park Avenue Church,
Disciples of Christ
Park Avenue at Seventeenth Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Poeschel:

We have had, through Lewis Deer, who is my long time friend, some interest in participation by the Disciples in a most hopeful and helpful movement now underway in the Southern states. It began with the assignment of two or three ministers from the National Council of Churches to travel, for a couple of weeks each, to various points in the Southern states, working with local religious and other leadership in getting a small number of neighborhood discussion groups -- generally interracial in character, on the then approaching problem of schools and the courts. It has been carried along further by the National Council and has been picked up officially by the Division of Christian Citizenship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the Congregational Church, by the offer of lay personnel from the Women's Society of Christian Service in the Methodist Church. The Southern Presbyterian Church has cooperated indirectly on this project by sending out to their ministers the same material that has been the basic thing used by local discussion groups.

From the beginning of the movement I was in touch with Lewis Deer, and asked him to try to get someone from the United Christian Missionary Society to go to some selected place in the South. He said that Sam Freeman was the guy, and from all I can hear, that is greatly true.

It involves, mainly, the assignment of Freeman, or anyone you select, for a couple of weeks with travel and salary pay to move about in ten or a dozen counties in some agreed upon part of the South. And further, the setting up of local discussion groups. I do greatly hope that an arrangement of this kind can be made. The solution of the many problems attendant upon the Supreme Court's decision is very largely one of building local opinion favorable to integration. It is clear that the churches have a pressing duty in the matter, and I would greatly like to see your Church share in this helpful way in the movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 17, 1954

Mr. Robert B. McKay
Room 324 Arthur T. Vanderbilt Hall
New York University
Washington Square South
New York 3, New York

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the copy of the letter from the Virginia Law Review. It sounds most promising, and the auspices of Old Dominion should be good enough for any Southern xenophobe.

We will look forward to seeing your article in print.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 17, 1954

Mr. Monte M. Lemann
1424 Whitney Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Lemann:

I had waited thus long to write you only because I wanted first to be sure that Morris and I had fulfilled our commitment to send you a tentative draft of the statement. Morris has informed me today that he has sent the draft to you. It is by no means a polished text, but I hope it will serve as a helpful beginning outline.

As I recall our conversation, you very generously undertook to rework the statement as much as you might feel necessary; to consult with one or two of your close associates about it; and then either you, Mr. Tucker, or some other appropriate person would correspond with a small number of influential lawyers in the Southern states with the aim of securing their endorsement. Without mentioning names or details, Morris and I discussed the possibility of such a statement with our friends who edit the Emory University Journal of Public Law. They are most enthusiastic about the idea and were eager to have such a statement for their forthcoming issue which deals with the implications of the Supreme Court's recent decision. I am much afraid, however, that they will be going to press within ten days or so, which would hardly allow sufficient time for the consultation and correspondence that you have undertaken. But I did want you to know of that interest.

You were kindness itself to Morris and me last Thursday, and we are deeply appreciative of your hospitality. We left feeling that New Orleans was very fortunate to have a Mr. Lemann and a Mr. Stern.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 17, 1954

Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley
Child Study Association of America
132 East 74th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Bradley:

I would be most happy to talk with you about the Child Study Association's interest in the South and the possibility of cooperation between our two organizations. My problem is that I have no way of knowing what my schedule will be once I have arrived in New York. I will be in the city Tuesday and Wednesday, with a one day conference scheduled for each day. I believe there is a good chance that I will have some free time on Tuesday; however, I am not sure just when the free time will fall.

I will call you Tuesday as soon as I can determine more definitely what my schedule will be and will hope that we can arrange an interview on the spur of the moment. I am sorry that I cannot plan more definitely but hope very much that we can make connections.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 17, 1954

Mr. John J. Scanlon
The Fund for the Advancement of
Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

A hundred thanks for the additional copies of the book. They will be well used. Unfortunately, my time in New York falls on Tuesday and Wednesday, which means that I will probably miss the opportunity to see you. I will be seeing Phil at a Wednesday conference however, and will hope to exchange word of the latest developments with him then.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 17, 1954

Mr. Burton I. Gordin
Commission on Human Relations
Market Street National Bank Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gordin:

Thank you for the materials which you sent at Frank Loescher's suggestion. They are both excellent and should be of much help to our staff member who is compiling information about public human relations commissions.

If we can, at any time, supply you with information from these parts, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

June 17, 1954

Mr. Samuel F. Freeman
Park Avenue Church
Disciples of Christ
Park Avenue at Seventeenth Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Freeman:

Lewis Deer asked me, June 2, to write such a letter and send it to you for your use if need be. I have been travelling and only get to it today.

Do try to make it all work out. We need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 17, 1954

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ocie Lee:

Fine to have all the news from you.

I perceive that I will be going to Notchitoches.

Harold Fleming is coming over. I look for the Arkansas Division to move off with a bang. Mr. Walker's letter is a peach!

I am proud of your sticking with us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 17, 1954

Mr. G. E. Mattison
United Community Services
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Mattison:

I am grateful for your kind letter about Mr. Harry S. Jones.

Picking someone for North Carolina will be up to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council. I know they will be glad to consider most closely the application they have from Mr. Jones.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 17, 1954

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
The Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Honored to speak to the Hungry Club on September 29th.

Meanwhile, whenever the two of us are in town, we can talk further about planning the whole series.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 17, 1954

Dear Miss Gustafson:

Nice to hear from you. Do ask Mary Green in Anniston to write to us. She could, perhaps, be quite helpful with the things we are doing in her state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Miss Lucile Gustafson
West Main Street
Batonia, Illinois

June 17, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fiszman
4414 Cayuga Avenue
Riverdale 71, New York

Dear Folks!

Glad you are going to be back in Atlanta. Come to see the Mitchells!

Everybody's busy, but having a good time doing it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 17, 1954

Mrs. W. J. Moulder
3100 Orlando Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Moulder:

Miss Gaulden at Oak Ridge duly sent in $15.00 toward the expenses of the Knoxville-Oak Ridge trip, and said your treasurer would be sending ten more, to make it all check out. Will you telephone your treasurer and try to get the $10.00 sent off, and we can close the books on that item of travel.

These are exciting times, and busy ones!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 17, 1954

Dr. Will Alexander
New Hope Farm
RFD 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I wrote to my friend, Cabbell Phillips, at the Washington office of the New York Times and told him of Frank Graham's interest in doing an article -- possibly for the New York Times Magazine. Hope that will bear fruit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 17, 1954

Miss Winifred Armstrong
National Citizens Committee on Immigration
   and Citizenship
40 East Fortieth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Armstrong:

I can think of a few people who would be good if they would come on to the new committee.

Page Williams, St. Christopher's School, Richmond, Virginia, is a much esteemed lay worker in the Episcopal Church in Virginia and is interested in good causes. He is head master of an excellent boys school and a young man of considerable stature in the state.

Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, North Carolina, is a person of great stature and is lately in retirement from his chain of farm papers. Years ago he had a lengthy stay in Japan. Perhaps a bit more in the flavor of the old Populist movement than in modern liberal causes, but essentially a protector of the rights of people.

J. M. Dabbs, "Rip Raps," Mayesville, South Carolina, for some years a notably capable professor of English at Coker College, who inherited a plantation and gave up his teaching to go back and run it. It is not a sharecropper or tenant farmer operation; Dabbs does the work. Devoted lay worker in the Presbyterian Church and one time Chairman of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council and is interested in the causes of liberty.

Most Reverend Vincent J. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh. Catholic Bishop, outstanding for his interest in minority matters, and a glowing figure in the church.

Harry Ashmore, Editor of the Arkansas Gazette, lately prepared the report made on behalf of the Fund for Adult Education on The Negro and the Schools. A Carolinian transplanted to Arkansas, much respected, and a fighting liberal.

Mrs. William H. Hogue, 5319 Cherokee Street, Houston, Texas. A Charleston lady, long resident in Houston, now widowed, and active in many causes. Episcopal lay woman. A voice a bit ahead of that usually heard from Texas, but a sober and thoughtful and determined person.

All the above are white persons.

President A. W. Dent, Dillard University, New Orlenas, Louisiana, will carry great weight in Louisiana and in the lower South just as a citizen, and among his own people everywhere.

Mr. Z. A. Looby, 419 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. A lawyer, active on behalf of civil rights, of West Indian origin. Widely respected as a defender of what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 17, 1954

Dictated June 16

Mr. Archie Roberts
81 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn 2, New York

Dear Archie:

Alice and I took the children up to a camp where they have jobs, and that gave us an opportunity to see Charlotte and her husband and a boy! And to ask along the way of news of you. Particularly glad to get your letter and catch up with you that far.

I get to New York every now and then, and we must have some time together.

All these new things keep us busy, but we wanted to be busy!

How about putting your home and business telephones on a postcard and sending them to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

MEMORANDUM June 18, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

From: George S. Mitchell

You have probably already begun to attend to it, but the minutes of the meeting with the Georgia Interracial Committee people, June 12, raises a number of questions:

1. Should I write to Wells and ask him to come in and check with you about budgets and travel, etc?
2. Shouldn't Mrs. Tilly arrange with the building to have Guy Wells' name on the board downstairs under the Georgia Interracial Committee.
3. In the other arrangings from Guy Wells, we should get some personal history from him. It will be pretty long!

Note that when Mr. Clary is unavailable (as will be the case much of the Summer, I understand) you can deal with Brazeal or McDowell Richards.

June 18, 1954

Mr. Galen Weaver
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Galen:

The program underway in the Southern Regional Council with the proceeds of the grant from the Fund for the Republic is separate and distinct from the work we undertook earlier (and still continue in) with various church bodies in getting people to travel out to selected parts of the South and attempt to build up local discussion groups on the school and the courts.

With the grant from the Fund for the Republic, we are proceeding to organize in each of twelve Southern states what we hope will be continuing state-wide human relations agencies. Each is expected to have its own paid staff. The principal contribution of the Council is in enabling the payment of the greater part of the salaries involved for the staff personnel of each of the twelve state organizations. We can assist them for a period of three and one-half years, at the end of which time we hope they can be strong enough to stand on their own two feet. The state groups will work at the many and multiplying problems of race relations within their states. Where they can, they will establish local chapter strength. Necessarily, the whole matter of the schools will be one of the first items of business for each state group. Additionally, we will continue, here in Atlanta, a coordinating office called the Southern Regional Council.

As you took part in the program with the churches on discussion groups you will be quite familiar with it. The National Council of Churches sent us in all three persons: Bill Vastine worked in Central Kentucky; Al Kramer worked in Southeastern Virginia; and Lanier Hunt worked in Up-Country, South Carolina. The Congregationalists very kindly offered us your helpful services in North Central, North Carolina. The Methodist Church has undertaken to make available the services of six local lay leaders, two in Tennessee, two in Mississippi, and two in Arkansas, within the Women's Society of Christian Service. The Division of Christian Citizenship of the National Council of Protestant-Episcopal Churches, undertook to make the services of a lay woman leader in South Carolina available. Arrangements are pending for a similar assignment for the Presbyterians, U.S.A. and more remotely the Disciples of Christ.

Each of these persons has worked, or is to work, approximately two weeks in the area assigned. In addition, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. sent copies of Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts to all the 4,000-odd ministers in the Southern territory, and copies of Checklist for Your Schools were sent to some hundreds of people particularly connected with the Board of Women's Work.

I have kept the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention informed of these various assignments made by other denominations, and I am hopeful that some reflections of this movement have reached into the Southern Baptist Convention. We have been greatly pleased with the reports received from the travellers and with the evidences of real results in strengthening community attitudes.

I could make this letter longer, but don't in order to get it off to you quickly.

We have voluminous files on the actions of the various governors and other state officials, but they are mainly clippings, and I have no way of summarizing them at the moment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell - signed in his absence)

June 18, 1954

Shamrock Hotel
Main at Holcombe Boulevard
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

Please reserve a room for Mr. George S. Mitchell, who will arrive on the night of July 1, and plans to leave in the afternoon of July 2.

Please confirm this reservation and also let me know your checking-out time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

June 21, 1954

Mr. Samuel Freeman
Park Avenue Church
Disciples of Christ
Park Avenue at 17th Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Freeman:

I am so glad Katherine Stoney, with a better knowledge than mine of the internal mechanics of the Church, saw that my letter to you of June 17 was hardly appropriate.

I was about to dictate a more useful one for you when Katherine Stoney said that she had word from you that your Board has approved and that the trip will occur. That is the best of news and we are very grateful.

I enclose, as possibly helpful to be used, a fresh letter to Mr. Poeschel. Let me know when you are to be on the job and what you will choose as to place?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1954

June 21, 1954

To: Mr. C. H. Parrish

I saw Davisson Dunlap at Jacksonville on June 17.

He is calling together those working most closely with the Florida Division about July 5, and proposes to have a membership meeting early in September. He expressed the hope that your visit could be made before July 5 in order that the meeting would have the advantage of advice from you as to people and program within the State.

I do not expect that you can get there before July 5, but I pass on his wishes.

June 21, 1954

Mr. Davisson F. Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

Many thanks for our helpful conversation there the other day.

I found both Bill Carlton and Mr. Dower out of Gainesville, but I left my card at Mr. Dower's office. I have written Mr. Parrish and urged him to try to assist you before your July 5th meeting. But I confess that I don't know his schedule and have some doubt that he can work out a Florida trip before that time. But I think you can certainly count on the advantage of a personal report from him well before your early September meeting.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1954

Mr. Paul Poeschel
Park Avenue Church
Disciples of Christ
Park Avenue at 17th Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Poeschel:

We are delighted with the news that the Board of the Church has so kindly made Mr. Freeman's services available for the cooperative project in working up local discussion groups on the schools and the courts.

He will do an extremely useful piece of work and it is heartening to know that he has your backing and encouragement in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1954

Superintendent
Louisiana State Penitentiary
Angola, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Our Council has had working in Caddo Parish for the last several weeks Mr. Berkeley Harris. Caddo Parish was chosen as one of the six counties in which to compile certain records as to the incidences of crime and the nature of the penalties in the last five or six years.

To complete his records he now needs some material which is believed to be available at the Penitentiary. I would be extremely grateful if you would extend to him whatever courtesies may be normal.

Mr. Harris has had the advantage in Shreveport of advice from a member of the local Bar, Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald. The Southern Regional Council is represented in Louisiana by a Louisiana Division, of which the Reverend L. J. Twomey, S.J. is acting Chairman. I am sure Father Twomey would be grateful for any reasonable assistance which you can give Mr. Harris.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Copies to: Father L.J. Twomey
Berkeley Harris

Memoranda
Board

Atlanta, Georgia
June 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. George S. Mitchell

FROM: C. H. Parrish

On the basis of our conversation of a few days ago, I have undertaken to think through some of the problems faced by SRC because of the new situation created by the grant of funds to the Council and, coincidently, by the Supreme Court decision invalidating segregation. This self-clarification is especially important for me if I am to do an effective job on the field during the next few weeks.

Our "Statement of Policy and Aims . . . December 12, 1951" seems to me to be sound and there is strong justification for keeping it just as it is. I do believe, however, that the old membership should be reminded of the existence of this document and be given an opportunity to read it again in the light of the recent developments. Comparison with the language of the Court ruling is revealing.

Little did those who worked on the preoparation of the Statement dream that the Supreme Court would so soon recognize segregation as "a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit", and order that it be no longer imposed. The avowed purpose of the Council is "to attain . . . the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region." The language of the Court is equally clear: "We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." A later suggestion of the Court implies that the decision on schools may be extended to every area in which the "separate but equal" doctrine has been in effect. It should be apparent, therefore, that to seek the attainment of equality of opportunity and to seek the end of segregation are one and the same; we must first end segregation before we can expect to achieve equality of opportunity.

Practically, the foregoing would seem to mean giving top priority to those Council projects which advance the implementation of the Supreme Court decision. This is the breach in the wall we must exploit with every resource at our command and, of course, within the framework of our constitution and by-laws. One of our key functions is:

> "To stimulate local initiative to work for local solutions in full democracy, so that legislation and judicial rulings may be translated into justice for the individual in his everyday life." (underscoring is mine)

What is done to implement the decision will necessarily vary from state to state and from community to community within each state. The point here is that we cannot afford to turn our heads the other way and pretend that the real issue is something else. Our function is "to counteract appeals to prejudice and violence..." not to yield to them. We must do everything in our power "to create here the atmosphere in which artificial distinctions and discriminations based upon race will no longer persist."

It is made clear in the SRC policy statement that the felt need for a regional organization does not stem from "any desire to separate the South's problems from the nation's". There is sometines unfortunate misunderstanding on this point. We have never espoused the doctrine of regional isolationism. We have realized from the first that the South cannot save itself. Salvation must come through a faith in something nobler than an idealized slave heritage.

In my May 14 letter to you, I expressed my feeling that in the immediate future it will be necessary for the Council again and again to point out that "the fight agains segregation, is...only incidentally an effort to gain equality of opportunity for a Negro minority in the United States; it has become essentially a struggle to deep the democratic ideal alive in the world." This view will remove Council activities from the narrow confines of provincial prejudices and relate them in proper perspective to the global ideological conflict upon which the fate of the free world hangs.

June 21, 1954

Mr. Frank P. Thomas
MOBILE BEACON
570 Davis Avenue,
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am sorry to say that I don't have a mat or a cut on hand, but I enclose a brief autobiographical run-down which I hope will be of some use to you.

I will look forward to meeting you next Sunday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF:s
encl.

June 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Katherine Stoney

From: George S. Mitchell

I talked with Earl Harrison this morning re his incoming of June 18. Incidentally, the call to Bamberg today, June 21, is chargeable to Commission on Equal Penalties. I told him as to question six to do the best he could. Ditto as to literacy.

Told him we are sending another man to Shreveport, and when Harrison is through at Bamberg we will not have further opportunity to use him. Rule that forgery is a distinct crime from embezzlement on the ground that as you embezzle you frequently forge, but you can embezzle cash money without forging.

He now expects to finish at the end of this week, but is not sure. When he is through, he will write you that he is through and will ask you to send his appropriate check to his Northern address, Moylan-Rose Valley, Pennsylvania.

However, he will need before the end of this week an additional check for $35.00 on which to get home. It cost him $37.00 to come down and he thinks he can make it back on $35.00.

June 21, 1954

Mr. Guy Wells
105 Lacey Street
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

You ought to come in at some early convenient time and have a lengthy conversation with Katherine Stoney. She is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council. You and she can arrange useful and many things about budgets and accounts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1954

Mr. E. Berkeley Harris, Jr.
Y.M.C.A.
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Harris:

Here's a note to the man at Angola. Hope it helps.

Katherine Stoney is handling your check.

You know that we are sending you Brown.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Reverend L. J. Twomey, S. J.
Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Father Twomey:

The young man at Shreveport wrote us that he would need to check some records at Angola. The lawyer at Shreveport, Thomas Fitzgerald, thought it would be easier to gain access to the file at Angola if I wrote to the Superintendent.

I do hope it is all right to promise that you would stand behind the young man. He seems to have conducted himself discreetly and has had no important difficulty in getting in Shreveport what he wanted. I suspect Father Gremillion's kind interest was particularly helpful there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 21, 1954

To: Staff

GSM talked with Davisson Dunlap, Chairman of the Florida Division, June 17. He said he will have a most intimate meeting with those concerned with the Division about plans for broader participation of the Executive Committee and broader membership, and to review possible candidates for State staff. He proposes to summon the membership into a meeting early in September, hoping to get the State organization going in earnest in October and November.

His present plan is to delay final consideration of the employment of an associate executive until after these first meetings have been held.

June 21, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

By agreement with you, I believe you were to take off the $100 honorarium and credit the $30.22 against the unrepaid portion of the $100 travel advance to me for this and related trips.

I expect there will be some balance still owing from me to you.

June 21, 1954

Mr. G. Ross Freeman
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Here's a note for Dean Trimble's book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/

Encl.

June 21, 1954

Mr. Michael Stewart
c/o Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Fair and fine. I'll have been back a day or so from a week in Kentucky, and will be in Atlanta straight along, as far as I know now, from July 24 through the end of the month.

Would you stay with the Mitchells? A guest-room with nobody in it, and two rooms for two daughters away at camp, so Alice and I rattle around, and would be glad for company.

Katherine Stoney and the Mitchells will greatly look forward to your visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/

June 21, 1954

Dean H. B. Trimble
Candle School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dean Trimble:

Everyone is grateful to you for these years of toil and achievement in bringing higher moral purpose to the people of the South. It is just your combination of skill patiently applied and principle clearly held to which gets us furthest in all our problems, public and private.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/

June 22, 1954

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
1224 Ursulines St.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Vigo:

As a follow-up of your visit with us in Atlanta, I want to send the following information for your confirmation.

Since we did not have things in order for your first salary payment to be made on June 15th, I'll send a check for the full month of June (less withholding and social security of course) on June 30th. In the meantime, will you please send me the withholding slip with your social security number and classification for withholding. I enclose another in case you have mislaid the one I gave you (or thought I did). After June, checks will come to you twice a month as near to the 15th and 30th as I can get them to you.

Will you also please send me the name of the company with which you have automobile insurance, with the number of the policy and the amount of coverage. This is for the insurance company carrying our overall insurance for the Council.

Report forms for finances (and probably for your bookkeeping) are in the process of being printed. I would suggest that you keep an account of receipts and expenses for June so you can fill in the report form when you get it. Just keep a list of receipts from memberships, contributions, New South subscriptions, etc. And a list of expenses in like manner.

The treasurer of the Louisiana Division was Miss Inez Jenkins formerly of Southern University at Baton Rouge. She left sometime ago but has informed me that she has deposited all checks from SRC (their share of dues) and will turn over the account to Mr. B. V. Barance, Jr., 350 S. 13th Street, Baton Rouge. I have no idea of the amount in this account but you can get that information from him.

When you want them, we will send you our card file of members for both the New Orleans Committee and the Louisiana Division. We will keep duplicate cards with the addresses for recording the New South subscriptions and keeping a record of their expiration dates. As we agreed, you will send to us $1.50 for each member who pays dues through December 1954 to cover his New South subscription and probably $2.00 each after that date. We will also supply you with forms on which to list these subscriptions with the date paid. Then it will be your responsibility to be sure each is renewed when the time comes. However, we will furnish you with advance information on those subscriptions which expire - possibly a month or so ahead of time.

It is now obvious that our original ideas about the Associates for each state will have to be reconsidered. So for the time being, as we agreed when you were here, we would like you to withhold any decision about such an associate, and indeed to work on your organisation, taking account of how help would be needed and where it could be used to advantage, keeping in mind that the Associates were intended to give you interracial representation in your staff work.

Attached is a sheet about money which follows the outlines of our conversation when you were here. You will note that I have made a tentative suggestion about the payments of the amount to be used for local expenses and travel. This is not fixed, but for your consideration. I will welcome your ideas on the matter. The main thing is to make the best possible use of the money, to raise as much as you can, and to come out without a deficit at the end of the period.

We all enjoyed having you with us and only hope that when you come again we will have things in a better condition office-wise and have more time to consult with you. I am particularly conscience of my lack of organization when you were here. But I think you have gotten the right ideas and know you will get excellent support from Mrs. Adler and Father Twomey and the other people in New Orleans.

Do let us know whenever we can help in any way. Our best wishes to the New Orleans folks.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks
encl.

cc: Mrs. Adler
Father Twomey

MEMO RE FINANCES OF NEW ORLEANS-LOUISIANA ORGANIZATION

Amount available from Fund for Republic Grant to your organization (This covers period through September, 1955)		$ 13,200.00
Salary, executive director (Mr. Vigo) June 1, 1954-Sept. 30, 1955)	$ 6666.72	
Salary, clerk-steno. (12 months)	2500.00	
* Reserved to be applied toward Associate	1700.00	
	10,866.72	
Reserved for Social Security, insurance etc. on your employees	333.28	
Total reserved in Atlanta office to be paid to employees directly		11,200.00
Balance to be used locally for rent, travel, office supplies, printing, etc.		$ 2,000.00

Obviously this is not nearly enough for the operation of your office and for necessary travel but should be regarded as a sort of "reserve fund". It is yours and available to you, however, would suggest a schedule of payments as follows:

Since you already have money in your treasury, we suggest that money be used during the summer months and that you begin to draw on this reserve not earlier than Sept. 1954. Since you will need more during the first months and hopefully later on when your own income is larger, payments might be:

Sept. 1, 1954	$600.00
Jan. 1, 1955	500.00
Apr. 1, 1955	500.00
July 1, 1955	400.00
	$ 2000.00

This would mean that you will have some assured funds for each of these periods. Your expenses would then be according to your income being sure that there is no deficit at the end of Sept. 1955.

Please bear in mind also that, according to the terms of the Grant, each state organization is pledged to raise at least $1,800.00 for its local use by Sept. 30, 1955.

* See paragraph in my letter to Mr. Vigo regarding this

June 23, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

Note final paragraph of this note from Rabbi Mantinband. Can you find out something about Miss Jean ~~McGilloway.~~ McGillivray?

June 23, 1954

Mr. U. B. Broadneaux
Lylburn Downing School
Lexington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Broadneaux:

We could send you somebody but the distance is considerable and the commitment of time for the whole period -- August 24-31 -- is quite a matter too. Actually, if I or one of my very few assistants came up, it would cost possibly $75.00 in transportation. And in all conscience, there should be some compensation for the time of the speaker or consultant involved.

There are people nearer to you who could do quite as good a job as I or anyone whom I might send. I think of Reverend W. Carroll Brooke at Box 208, Staunton, Virginia. He is an Episcopalian clergyman who has been, for the past year or so, Chairman of the Education Division of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches. He has studied all these matters and has wise, forward, and helpful ideas on them.

Still another man would be Emerson Smith of the Virginia Council of Churches at Richmond, 109 West Grace Street.

Irene Osborne, American Friends Service Committee, Community Relations Project, 104 "C" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is a youngish white woman who, for the Quakers, has done most of the brain work in preparing public opinion in Washington, D. C. for ending segregation in the schools. She is probably the best expert in this area in the country. Washington is close by, and she might be quite glad to make the trip. She has a Negro woman as an Associate -- Miss Alma Scurlock -- who knows about as much as Irene Osborne.

Still another source would be Tartt Bell, who runs the American Friends Service Committee work in the South from an office at 617 West Market Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. He has studied all these matters and has favorable and far-sighted views. An assistant to him, Miss Anne Queen, would also be perfectly acceptable and quite helpful.

Still, if you want somebody from here, I or one of my helpers would come, but we would like to hold our visit to one or two days and there is the problem of travel expense money.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 23, 1954

Mr. George Simmons
330 South Tryon Street
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Simmons:

David Freeman wrote me about you and your transfer to Charlotte.

I hope to get an early opportunity to meet you. Meanwhile, we are pleased with what we hear of the program in Charlotte for a mass committee on human relations.

Perhaps you would join the Southern Regional Council and in that way, keep in touch with us. We put out a monthly "maggie," some copies of which I send you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.
New South sent under separate cover

June 23, 1954

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

I appreciate your kindness in sending me the proceedings of the CSR meeting for the Province. It was a helpful occasion all around, and I am grateful for the opportunity I had to be there and to talk with the group.

The resolution on segregation I thought excellent! And I have already seen some results from the recommendation that each Diocesean Department on Christian Social Relations hold a conference prior to the meeting of the Synod.

I have written Bishop Cole as enclosed.

Nice to see you. I hope that some good day there will be opportunity to sit down and have a good long talk and catch up with all that is happening in this world.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. Reed Sarratt
P. O. Box 2509
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Reed:

We were talking with Johnson the other day and we urged him to pay you a visit, and hope by now he has.

His address in Winston Salem is YMCA, Room 417, 315 North Spruce St.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

We have made a note to send you, with much pleasure, 50 copies of Answers for Action, and the accompanying bill. It still isn't out, but we hope it will be very soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eqb

June 23, 1954

Mr. Corneff R. Taylor
Executive Director
Mayor's Commission on Human Relations
155 East Kilbourn
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Taylor:

It suits my book a little better to write, myself, to my Board members and suggest to them that they join NAIRO. So, if you will send me 65 copies of what ought to go out, I will be willing to write each of our Board members a note about NAIRO.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Director
Department of Research and Education
of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

All right here for the Kentucky Labor School, July 18-23.

I would like to bring my wife along this time. Of course, in all respects, at my expense.

If you can work that out dormitory-wise, I would be grateful, but if no suitable accommodations are workable within your general plan, she and I would find us a motel somewhere outside of town and stay there.

I will bring either some copies of *The Schools and the Courts* or the new pamphlet which we hope to have out by then called *Answers for Action*.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Professor Ralph S. Owings
Mississippi Southern College
Station A
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Professor Owings:

Rabbi Mantinband asked that we send you any additional material available on the matter of the schools and the Supreme Court Decision. Here is a useful pamphlet put out by the Public Affairs Committee. It is a straight boil-down of the Ashmore Report.

SRC hopes to publish, in a short while, a new pamphlet of its own called Answers for Action. We will see that a copy of it is sent to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Copy to: Rabbi Mantinband

June 23, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Many thanks for your note and the letters, posted June 19.

I have written to Professor Owings as enclosed.

It seems to me the letter from Mr. Morton B. King belongs in your files, and I return it to you.

I will make some inquiry about Miss Jean McGillivay.

Do go and see Marion Wright. The two of you will have a good time together. A pleasant but longish way to get there is to enter the Skyline Drive at Asheville and continue on until you get to Linville Falls, and then go about a mile off the Drive to MAW's. Anyone in the hamlet of Linville Falls will direct you to MAW's home. The shorter way is down the mountain from Linville Falls to the neighborhood of Marion, and back up the mountain from Old Fort to Ridgecrest and to Asheville and to Hendersonville.

The boy, Sangree, seems to have come out all right in the end. He had a smallish case load and finished gathering all the material he needed. He visited Hodding Carter briefly, and is now at Winston Salem helping the man there to finish.

We must be together as soon as we can to make more plans for the Mississippi program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

June 23, 1954

Mr. Robert C. Sweet
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sweet:

Biography and picture herewith!

Title of evening speech: "The Best Education For All." I have not yet written out the speech and don't know whether I will, but I hope to. I will talk about the demands of our industrial economy in the South for the best possible education for all people in the region. Then, something on the opportunity which the Supreme Court has offered the South to adjust its schools programs to the new requirement of genuinely equal and, therefore, unsegregated education. More after that on the efforts at present underway within the South to prepare public school officials and local public opinion for the changes which the Supreme Court Decision fore-shadows.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 23, 1954

Mr. Mari Sabusawa
Assistant Editor
American Library Association Bulletin
50 East Huron
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sabusawa:

I have been riding around the country and have only just gotten to your kind letter of June 16th about the Library business in January New South. The office sent you a couple of copies, and thanks for the stamps.

I expect to be at the NAIRO meeting in Boston and hope to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. Myron F. Lewis
Bureau of Social Science Research
The American University
1710 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Very nice of you to write.

Despite our most earnest plea to the Fund for the Republic, they left nothing in our budget for a program of research intepretation that we are most anxious to have. And the only plans that remain open are those for Secretaries of the new State organizations we are setting up in each of twelve Southern States — and two or three of those are filled. They are action jobs and I think they will be given to people with long roots in the particular States to be serviced.

So, I don't think I can be of much help to you. But you can be of much help to me by advising us of things to be done and coming to see us when, as, and if you get to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. Jacob Seidenberg
The President's Committee on Government
Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Seidenberg:

I am sorry I can't get to the meeting, but money is money.

The things I have from time to time recommended to your Committee is that if they would see to it that some agency of the Government issues periodically, perhaps monthly, a list broken down by states and, preferably, by cities of awarded contracts covered by the provisions of the Executive Order. Everytime I propose this the doves flutter and somebody takes me aside and explains to me the facts of life: The contracts are very unevenly awarded between the states, and it is regarded as invidious to let the public know that the certain states get the lion's share of the work.

All the same, I say again that the way to get enforcement is to let people in the local areas know of the contracts to be covered by the Order. The newspapers will gobble up such news. The press interested in minorities in particular will carry it. And people, when they go to hunt for jobs will know ahead of time that they are hunting for jobs that by law must be offered fairly. If it seems impolitic to publish a single list and send it to everybody, even to states that don't get many contracts, how about publishing a list for each state and sending it out only within that state?

Once, when I raised this matter, people began to talk about the impossible clerical load of breaking down these itemized lists by states. Bosh!

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. Maurice Lazarus
Executive Vice-President, Foley's
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Lazarus:

Joe Ross kindly sent me word that he had asked you to find time for a friendly visit from me on July 2nd.

I will call your office about 9:30 that morning and find out at what hour you will be able to let me come over.

To help your office, if they should need to contact me, I am to be at the Shamrock Hotel from the evening of the First, forward, and I am supposed to catch a plan from Houston about 3:45 the afternoon of July 2.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. Joseph Ross
Vice-President
Neiman-Marcus
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Joe:

Mighty kind indeed of you to draw together so very interesting a group for dinner at your home on Wednesday evening, June 30. I get into town in the mid-afternoon of Wednesday and will be at the Adolphus Hotel (which has agreed to save me a room). I could get myself out to your home, but if someone will have me paged in the hotel lobby I will be downstairs and waiting from 6:00 p.m. on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. David Potter
816 South 47th Street
Apartment 311
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Potter:

Our files do not reveal whether Mr. Nachman, your lawyer, played any active part in helping you. We are obligated to pay him $25.00 if you went to see him or conferred with him, or received minimum help from him. Can you let me know about him?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. W. C. Henson
Attorney-At-Law
Cartersville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Henson:

We are very grateful for your many kindnesses to young Mr. Brown, visible and invisible. He finished his work in good time and has moved on, as you probably know, to help the man in Shreveport with his load.

Here is our check for $25.00 as a token.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 23, 1954

Mrs. W. J. Moulder
3100 Orlando Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Moulder:

Many thanks for your letter and for all the arrangings.

I have confidence in the solid patriotism of Myles Horton and of Highlander in general. I won't be going there for the meetings this Summer, but I think what Myles does is to be encouraged.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

The Right Reverend C. Alfred Cole
Trinity Parish House
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Bishop Cole:

Mrs. Havens very kindly sent me the proceedings of the Conference on Christian Life and Work of the Department of Christian Social Relations at All Saints Church, May 17-18.

My warm praise of the resolutions on segregation in the schools, and the recommendation that each Diocesean Department on Christian Social Relations have a conference on the matter prior to the meeting of the Synod.

It is a delight to see the Church taking its responsibility in this way.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 24, 1954

Miss Esther C. Stamats
Director, Christian Social Relations
National Council of Church of Christ
in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

The front page of The Atlanta Constitution this morning is good medicine for all concerned.

I thought the Conference and all that results from it was an exceedingly helpful one.

Many in the South will have reason to be grateful for that gathering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 24, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Miss McGillivray is retiring from the YW job, has been under the care of a psychiatrist off and on recently, and in a lengthy attachment with the YW at Jackson has not been outstanding in activities in the cause of interracial adjustment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1954

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Henry:

I have dictated a rough draft of the Dallas speech, and we will plume it and press it and I will get it to you, I hope, a day or two ahead of June 29th at Convention headquarters in Dallas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Same letter to all members of Executive Committee

June 24, 1954

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will be held in Atlanta in late July. We would like to propose the following dates for your selection - either Wednesday, July 28th or Friday, July 30th.

We realize that it is difficult to get attendance at meetings during the summer but we do feel that this one is important and should warrant your attendance if you can possibly come.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card which of the dates is best for you? We will let you know the date chosen as soon as the cards are in.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks
encl.

June 24, 1954

Mr. Milton H. Sangree
Room 427
Central YMCA
315 North Spruce Street
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sangree:

Many thanks for the long letter from Winston Salem on June 20. Evidently you got sucked in pretty deeply.

The Southern Regional Council has always held, as perhaps you have gathered from the map I drew for you, that there is a double problem: The South must meet and deal with these underlying inequalities in matters material and cultural, and at the same time it must assist the Nation's effort to provide at once full respect and equal treatment for all.

I hope that you and Johnson between you can make the questionnaires fly, and fill worlds and worlds of them in in the remaining days of the project.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 24, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

I will set aside September 12-18 (Junaluska) on my calendar, and we can talk about it when you get here. If I happen to be out, talk to Harold Fleming and he will get it all straight for me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 24, 1954

To: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

This is the corrected and now official language of the statement of the Christian Social Relations Department of the United Church Women's meeting in Atlanta June 21 - 22, 1954. Will you please see to it that it finds its way into SRC files on Church statements?

June 24, 1954

Mr. Eugene Butler
Progressive Farmer
1105 Southland Building Annex
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Butler:

Jim Sells and I are near neighbors office-wise, and occasionally get a chance to swap ideas. And years ago in a Raleigh period I had the honor of Clarence Poe's friendship.

Sells thinks that I may have some useful ideas to put in on the problem of schools under the Supreme Court's Decision. I happen to be coming to Dallas June 30th with the afternoon of that day free.

If you will be available, I would appreciate an opportunity to talk with you a bit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to: Mr. James Sells

June 24, 1954

Mrs. Henry E. Detherage
148 Boonville Road
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Detherage:

I promised to send you something about the forthcoming pamphlet, Answers for Action. Most of it is written, and the cover has been printed, and the map in colors has been printed, but we have not quite finished the text. It will sell for $.20 each and in quantities at $15.00 per hundred.

The first part of it condenses severely the Ashmore Report. Then the key points of the Supreme Court's Decision are printed. And, lastly, it suggests some things for people in the South to do toward solving the problem. We believe it can be very useful.

Nice to sit by you at the meeting the other day! The Conference was a really successful occasion. I have great faith in what the Church women in the South can do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 24, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have spent some time on the list about members of the Commission.

From among those listed to you, my preference would light on the following fourteen.

Hiden Ramsey
Ellen Winston
Clarence Poe
Tarleton Collier
Mrs. Charles G. Tachau
Carter Wesley
Walter Chandler
Mrs. Tom Ragland
W. Raymond Denney
Judge Paul M. MacMillan
H. V. Richardson
A. D. Shores
William B. Stubbs
William Gaines

As additional Georgia candidates I would suggest retired Federal Judge Marvin T. Underwood of Atlanta, a deeply respected man with whom I have discussed this whole problem. And A. T. Walden, the Negro attorney with the largest practice in the State and everywhere greatly praised. Both of these two are old friends of SRC and the Interracial Commission before it.

From among the sixteen, my choice would light upon Clarence Poe, Tarleton Collier, Mrs. Charles G. Tachau, Carter Wesley, Walter Chandler, Judge Paul M. McMillan, Judge Underwood, and A. T. Walden.

I notice that the following states are not represented at all: Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas. True that President Harris at Philander Smith College was recommended to you by Mr. Foster at Tuskegee but I don't know enough about President Harris' stature to agree.

I should think it worth an effort to bring in a Virginia attorney or some other Virginia figure. They greatly pride themselves on the tradition of the law. Someone holding down some such job as Dean of the School of Law at the University of Virginia (I know him not by name or reputation) would have a lot of weight in the upper South.

My top selections include only one woman which is not enough. Mrs. Tom Ragland might be the one, but I would be more inclined to get somebody with working links with Church women. My suggestion would be Mrs. E. U. Robinson of 675 North Water Street, Gallatin, Tennessee. She is a Board member of SRC and is, I believe, President of the Women's Society of Christian Service for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

Well if you had a member of the Louisiana Bar or some other Louisiana citizen. Mrs. Milton P. Adler, 61 Versailles Boulevard, New Orleans, could advise you discreetly and ably on that.

The list is void of business men. Some there should be!

Ellen Winston is a good person and her membership would be quite valuable.

I believe you might simply add Hodding Carter's name. I think he would accept and I think he would convince a lot of people.

No ministers! Try for a Bishop. My suggestion on that would be the Right Reverend C. Alfred Cole, Bishop of Upper South Carolina, Trinity Parish House, Columbia, South Carolina. Presently Chairman for the Province of Sewanee (which is the Pisky Church for the whole Southeast) of Christian Social Relations.

If you will work some toward filling the gaps and let me advise again as to a later list, I think I could be helpful some more.

We will return the batch of letters to you in a few days, but two or three people are out of the office and I want them to see them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 28, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I will arrive in Houston by air from Dallas at about 7:00 on the evening of July 1, and plan to come on in and sleep at the Shamrock Hotel. I am to be in Houston until the 3:45 plane the afternoon of Friday, July 2. I have a possible appointment about 9:30 a.m. of July 2 with Mr. Lazarus at Foley's, but think I could promise to be with you from 11:00 a.m. July 2nd, until 2:00 p.m. July 2nd.

I could also be available on the evening of July 1. Leave word for me at the Shamrock Hotel about what you want done. If you need to be in touch with me earlier, I will be in Dallas the afternoon of June 30, and most of July 1, staying at the Adolphus Hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 28, 1954

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
c/o St. John Baptist Church
Allen and Guillot Streets
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Moon:

Here's my speech! I don't guarantee to stick to this exactly, but this is the idea. Tell me when I get down there if there is more that you want to go in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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June 28, 1954

General Drafting Company, Inc.
Convent Station,
New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

As an Atlanta motorist I make much use of and am grateful for your excellent Standard Oil Map of Atlanta and vicinity. (I have the 1952 edition before me.)

As one long cognizant of various matters affecting the Negro community in Atlanta I call attention to one or two errors in the map as it relates to the Negro colleges in the city.

Item 1. Atlanta University (C5) is misplaced. Actually the property on which the square dot for Atlanta University stands does belong to the University, and contains a graduate dormitory and the President's home, but the University proper is certainly at a spot on the West side of Chestnut Street, about between the spots now marking Morehouse College and Clark College. This is the campus of Atlanta University, and contains the Administration Building (which is what motorists are apt to be seeking), the Library, the School of Social Work, and additional University buildings.

Item 2. What is shown on the map as Morris Brown University (C5) is actually Morris Brown College. Correctly sited, wrongly named.

Item 3. Spelman College should be spelled as stated here, not as Spellman College.

Item 4. Gammon Theological Seminary and Clark College are correctly sited and correctly named.

Item 5. The text at the bottom of the enlargement side of the map, in its fourth paragraph, lists with accuracy all white colleges in the city (except Columbia Theological Seminary), but lumps the Negro institutions under Atlanta University. Actually it would be permissable to include Spelman College, Clark College, and Morehouse College under Atlanta University, as these colleges are indeed component parts of Atlanta University (though they are also quasi-autonomous undergraduate colleges, famous in their own names, and with wide constituencies), but Morris Brown College and Gammon Theological Seminary are quite independent of Atlanta University, and have as much right to be mentioned in the note as, say Oglethorpe University or Agnes Scott College.

Item 6. In the Index of Schools, Hospitals and Institutions occur the following items, for which more acceptable designations are suggested:

AS IS	SUGGESTED
Atlanta University (Colored) D3	Atlanta University D4
Clark College (Colored) D3	Clark College D4
Gammon Theological Seminary (Colored) D4	Gammon Theological Seminary D4
Morehouse College (Colored) C4	Morehouse College D4
Morris Brown University (Colored) D3	Morris Brown College D3
Spellman College (Colored) D4	Spelman College D4

Item 7. Why not, in the next edition of the map, with whatever corrections you care to make, simply drop the word"(Colored)"? That isn't a popular style of designation with college-level Negroes, and increasingly the practice followed in these matters is simply to omit the racial tags. I am satisfied there would not be the faintest disapproval from citizens of Atlanta, and the carrying of the college and university names without racial designation would be agreeably received by the Negro community.

Lastly, lest I err in some way in my map-making, I suggest that when you get down to brass tacks you send to the Office of the President of Atlanta University a draftsman's enlargement of that general area, asking for his corrections or approval.

Truth is you have merely followed an ancient error in all Atlanta maps, all of which have been done by white draftsmen, and all of which, that I have ever seen, have perpetuated the errors above described.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Standard Oil Company of Kentucky
Third and Guthrie Streets
Louisville, Kentucky

Letter sentto: Hotel Raleigh
Richmond, Virginia
where Mr. Shand will be for a few weeks

June 29, 1954

Mr. Gadsden E. Shand, Jr.
112 South Saluda Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Shand:

Nice to hear from you; we have been missing you.

More money brings more problems and particularly it seems to bring a plague of people who jump on us and call us a bunch of Communists. The latest is Roy Harris who jumped on us in his weekly sheet.

I am sending some dope to Mr. C. Pinckney Layton. Distressingly, we haven't got any proper literature about the Council to hand out to prospects. The Board is all changed around and there are so many new factors and so much change that we have not printed anything, and the last mimeographed edition is way out of date. The best I can send you is some application blanks, and you will have to rely for the rest on your own rich persuasiveness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

June 29, 1954

Mr. Don Shoemaker
The Asheville Citizen
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

I had chance to talk to Harry Jones at Guilford College a few weeks ago. He has made known to various people in the North Caroline Division of SRC that he would like to be the Executive Director for North Carolina. Guy Johnson tells me that the officialdom of the North Carolina Division will be meeting soon and will try to decide upon some candidates.

I am much honored to be asked to be part of the Asheville meeting in October, and look forward to the chance to see you there.

I am sending around this Summer in the mountain area an able young fellow from Berea named Menefee, just to talk to people like you about the special opportunity in the thinly Negro populated mountain areas to lead the rest of the South in compliance with the Court's decision. He may have already reached you, but if not he will be at your door sometime.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1954

Mr. Julian Fahy
1920 "S" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fahy:

Pleasure to write to another good "Hopkins" man.

We had only one Georgia job that might have interested you and that has been filled by Guy Wells. He has newly become the State Secretary for the Georgia Interracial Committee, which will have help from SRC.

In our own Council office here in Atlanta, we have no money for research or even for what I call research intepretation, badly though it is needed.

So, I am afraid there is nothing here that will measure up. But sometime when you are in Atlanta come to see me; I would like to know you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1954

Miss Helen E. Holcomb
2214 Broadway
Apartment 10
Vancouver, Washington

Dear Miss Holcomb:

For the moment what we can send you is Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts, the Checklist For Your Local Schools, and the new Public Affairs pamphlet, Segregation in the Schools, which is a boil-down of the Ashmore Report.

We are in the throes of getting out a new one of our own called Answers for Action, which will briefly boil down the Ashmore Report, print the Supreme Court Decision, and offer suggestions for getting compliance in the South. We will send you a copy of that when it comesout -- I feel certain quite in time for your meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Pamphlets sent under separate cover this date.

June 29, 1954

Mr. Lester B. Granger
National Urban League, Inc.
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Granger:

I appreciate warmly your letter of June 25. Harry Jones has approached various of the people on the Board of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, and they expect to meet in a few days and decide what they are going to do.

We are much benefited by having Mrs. Hamilton. I was at pains to have the full consent ahead of time of Mr. Walter as Chairman of the Board of the Atlanta Urban League, and I felt some duty to call you also, but just didn't in the rush of many things.

These are busy times! And let us hope that they will be resultful!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1954

Mrs. John Gillin
4 The Glen
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Gillin:

The office sent you the other day, in answer to your kind letter of June 23, various publications.

Chapel Hill has a very special responsibility in all this and I feel satisfied that it will measure up to what it should do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1954

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Hunton:

Marion Wright went up to New York last week and saw one or two people connected with Southerners for Civil Rights. He asked that the fund-raising effort and the proposed trip to the South by them on behalf of our project for a Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law be suspended.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1954

Mr. James B. O'Shaughnessy
Director, School of Law
Loyola University
41 East Pearson Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Shaughnessy:

I have read with care your letter of June 23, and the tentative outline for panel discussion.

While I offer nothing against the outline, it seems to me to be austere and legal to a degree ill calculated to hold the interest of the audience. But you know the audience and what they want.

The two things that I can contribute are: An understanding of the sociological, economical, and historical difficulties of the change in the South; and some knowledge of the hopeful factors in local community understanding across the lines of race.

I will plan to get a late afternoon plane from Atlanta on Thursday, August 12, which will put me at Loyola University by 10:00 p.m. August 12. And I would like to have a place to sleep for the night of August 13 also. Particularly if there is to be an evening broadcast on that date.

Simple way to do the biography is what is in Who's Who, attached. You might care to add that I received the 1953 award from the Catholic Committee of the South for "signal contribution to the welfare and progress of the South."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1954

Mr. Robert L. Hale, Jr.
240 East Sixty-First Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Hale:

Nice to have your letter, and nice to have again some link with Mr. Moss, and interesting to read your background and experience.

The truth is that about the only positions that will be open under our program will be jobs as State Executives to race relations programs in each of twelve Southern States. These Secretaries will be chosen by existing Boards within these twelve states, and I think all or practically all of them will try to find people with a background of work within their own states, which will help substantially in this new job.

Have you been in touch with the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials of which Maurice Fagan is the Chairman? They try to place people in the field of intergroup relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1954

Mr. James A. Jackson
Standard Oil Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In an odd moment of time I wrote this letter.

The same kind of map with similar errors and discourtesies must be usual in many other Southern cities.

I put in your lap the problem of doing or not doing anything about this matter for other cities.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 30, 1954

Reverend Dan C. Whitsett
107 East Spring Street
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Reverend Whitsett:

Please accept my thanks for your suggestions as to members of our Commission on Equal Penalties. Your suggestions, along with many others which we have received, will be very carefully considered.

We are hopeful that we will secure the services of a Commission of such caliber that its findings will be universally acceptable.

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/cab

June 30, 1954

Mr. George E. Clary
404 Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

Please accept my thanks for your suggestions as to members of our Commission on Equal Penalties. Your suggestions, along with many others which we have received, will be very carefully considered.

We are hopeful that we will secure the services of a Commission of such caliber that its findings will be universally acceptable.

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/eab

June 30, 1954

Mr. Richard J. Foster
P. O. Box 1325
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Foster:

Please accept my thanks for your suggestions as to members of our Commission on Equal Penalties. Your suggestions, along with many others which we have received, will be very carefully considered.

We are hopeful that we will secure the services of a Commission of such caliber that its findings will be universally acceptable.

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/eab

June 30, 1954

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Please accept my thanks for your suggestions as to members of our Commission on Equal Penalties. Your suggestions, along with many others which we have received, will be very carefully considered.

We are hopeful that we will secure the services of a Commission of such caliber that its findings will be universally acceptable.

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright
President

MAW/eab

June 30, 1954

Mr. William Welch
The Office of Senator Lehmann
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Welch:

Please accept my long over-due expression of appreciation for your help in setting up the conference with Senator Fulbright on May 11th.

I am sending you a copy of The Negro and The Schools under separate cover.

As consideration is given to the advantage to the South itself -- as well as to the nation -- inherent in the Supreme Court's Decision of May 17th, we believe the region will accept and use the opportunities before it.

Hope everything is going well in Senator Lehmann's office.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/

June 30, 1954

Mr. Maurice H. Sigler
Louisiana State Penitentiary
Angola, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Sigler:

Young Mr. Berkeley Harris, who has been working at Shreveport, found in the end that he could get nearly all he wanted and with permission did not go on to Angola. But it was most courteous of you to be willing to receive him and help him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 30, 1954

Mr. Jack Todd
The Office of Senator Russell Long
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Todd:

Please accept my long over-due expression of appreciation for the opportunity to talk with you on May 11th.

A copy of The Negro and The Schools is being sent to you under separate cover.

As consideration is given to the advantage to the South itself -- as well as to the nation -- inherent in the Supreme Court's Decision of May 17th, we believe the region will accept and use the opportunities before it.

We are grateful for your interest in these matters.

Sincerely,

Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/

June 30, 1954

Mr. Dick Wallace
The Office of Senator Kefauver
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wallace:

Please accept my long over-due expression of appreciation for the opportunity to talk with you on May 11th.

A copy of The Negro and The Schools is being sent to you under separate cover.

As consideration is given to the advantage to the South itself -- as well as to the nation -- inherent in the Supreme Court's Decision of May 17th, we believe the region will accept and use the opportunities before it.

We are grateful for your interest in these matters.

Sincerely,

Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/

June 30, 1954

Mr. Jack Yingling
The Office of Senator Fulbright
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Yingling:

Please accept my long over-due expression of appreciation for the opportunity to talk with you and Senator Fulbright on May 11th.

A copy of The Negro and The Schools is being sent to you under separate cover.

As consideration is given to the advantage to the South itself -- as well as to the nation -- inherent in the Supreme Court's Decision of May 17th, we believe the region will accept and use the opportunities before it.

We are grateful for your interest in these matters.

Sincerely,

Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/

June 30, 1954

Mrs. Arthur Bernstein
35 Claremont Avenue
New York 27, New York

Dear Mary:

Yes, my goodness, I remember those days when we were all crowded up in the little outside office next to Rex's, and I a shouting and hollering into the telephone to get people paid!

I am a bum writer. But there is a good story in the current Georgia election for Governor. Six guys running. All of them bad eggs! And the main competition is to submit "plans" which will circumvent the Supreme Court Decision. If you have somebody on the string that can write that story, send them on to do it. I have suggested George McMillan of Aiken.

Usually when I am in Chicago I hunt up Rex and Grace. It suprises me to hear that Rex is within a couple of years of retirement!

As a one time Columbia instructor, I know every square of Claremont Avenue pavement! Come to see us when you and your husband come to Georgia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

June 30, 1954

Mr. C. Pinckney Layton
P. O. Box 782
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Layton:

Gadsden Shand wrote us and said we should send you some literature and application blanks about the Southern Regional Council.

I am sorry to say that our general promotion leaflet is long out of print and with the new grant we have so many changes coming up that we dare not print another right now. So, all I can do is send you some back issues of our "maggie" and some blue application blanks and hope that you can persuade yourself and others to lend strength to us.

We hope to be able at an early date to help the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council (long in the doldrums) to put on paid staff and begin to move. And we particularly need more strength in Charlotte.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.
New South being sent under separate cover this date.

July 6, 1954

Mr. Ralph McGill
Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

As a couple of news broadcasts gave some currency to Roy Harris' broadcast, and as The Constitution carried in its June 30th issue the small story about Attorney General Cook's attitude in the matter, it seems to me that the Council should offer, for publication by the Paper, a letter in reply to the charges.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Some days later
GSM cancelled
this request

July 6, 1954

To: Harold C. Fleming

Reverend Samuel F. Freeman, of the Park Avenue Church of the Disciples of Christ, East Orange, New Jersey, will be going out, for the period of July 19th through the 31st, to Eastern North Carolina, and, perhaps, some of Low-Country, South Carolina. He will need materials.

If we could get Answers for Action to him by July 19th, that would be the right thing to do. The address to send them is: Reverend Samuel F. Freeman, c/o Mr. G. V. Freeman, Box 414, Washington, North Carolina.

If Answers for Action is not available, he should have Questions and Answers and Checklist. If no Questions and Answers are available, some could be sent him in an emergency by Mrs. F. O. Clarkson, Charlotte, North Carolina (2-8449), 227 Cherokee, who has a couple of hundred for a trip that she was to have made in May and that I don't know that she has or has not made.

GSM

July 6, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

This seems mostly to be about the details of filling out the questionnaire. I daresay it is proper to have a copy made and send it to Guy Johnson. If you agree, please get it arranged.

BSM

Encl. - ltr from Otis Johnson

July 6, 1954

Reverend Carl R. Pritchett, D. D.
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Pritchett:

I think your plans are most wise, and appreciate the letter from you ahead of the July 9th meeting.

The main thing, it seems to me, is to take steps which will incorporate the thinking and advice of the forward-looking people in the Negro community of the city on a program for the future conduct of the school system. Best if this can be done by formal representation; a desirable second best if it can be done only by informal, but effective and steady, consultation.

One of the subsidiary organizations of the Ford Foundation -- I believe, the Fund for the Advancement of Education -- has given some assistance to a program being operated by a group of Southern newspaper people from an office at Nashville, to provide an inter-change of full and accurate information among newspapers as to events over the South, as the problem of action in the school system unfolds.

The Fund for the Advancement of Education published, a few weeks ago, a volume called The Negro and the Schools, a copy of which I am sending you today. It is a factual summary of the present situation. The Public Affairs Committee has produced a condensed version of this volume, and I send a copy of that to you also. Our Council will publish in a few days time, a new pamphlet called Answers for Action which carries the map which I believe I showed you when I was in Anderson, and gives various suggestions as to constructive steps to be taken within the South.

I do hope that, in the future, there will be many opportunities for us to work together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed in his absence
(publications sent under separate cover)

July 6, 1954

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

I will be present at the meeting at the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta on the morning of July 16th at 9:30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed in his absence

July 6, 1954

Mr. L. H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskagee Institute,
Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

How very kind of you to send over the clipping from the New York Post. Mr. Poston much exaggerated my prowess. I doubt if the Governor of Georgia much more than knows my name.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 6, 1954

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
American Federation of Labor
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am honored to be asked to come and be a part of two A.F. of L. Labor Schools at Charlottesville, August 29-September 3, and Mineral Wells, Texas, December 5-10.

You can count on my being present. I will bring Mrs. Mitchell along for the Charlottesville one paying our own accommodations if that won't work out with whatever arrangements you make with the University of Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
signed in his absence

July 6, 1954

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

We all look forward to having Michael Stewart whom you wrote about on June 29.

I daresay the other organization in which he is interested, is properly called The Southern Conference Education Fund, which has no office in Atlanta, only at New Orleans.

I will try to meet Stewart's incoming plane Sunday evening, July 25.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed in his absence

July 6, 1954

Mr. H. Councill Trenholm
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Trenholm:

It is all right for Monday night at A & I State University in Nashville for the American Teachers Association. I am honored to be asked to talk to that influential group.

I haven't yet worked out travel arrangements, but will do so and will let you know. I will probably take a train up and get there that afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed in his absence

July 6, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I am very grateful for the fine chance to talk with you and the others in Houston the other day. I will call my friends in Philadelphia this morning and let you know right away the result. I think you are all planning wisely and well.

I have accepted an invitation to teach for the week of December 5-10 at an American Federation of Labor School for the Southwest at Mineral Wells. That puts me in Texas, and I could conveniently do anything in connection with the work of the Texas Commission that may be desired at that time. Happy to come back sooner if need be. I just had the correspondence about this Texas engagement today, and let you know as soon as I could.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed in his absence

July 6, 1954

Mr. J. H. L. Russell
Central High School
Charlotte Court House,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Russell:

The Southern Regional Council would be glad to send you a speaker -- probably me -- if we could get together on the dates. But it is a long way and we could only send someone if there were funds to pay for the travel. I enclose a pamphlet to show our interest in these present school matters.

We have various people in Virginia who could be very helpful to you. There is Emerson Smith, Secretary to the Board of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches at 109 Grace Street, Richmond; or there is the Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, an Episcopal clergyman at Staunton. He is particularly well informed on school matters.

I belong in Richmond myself, and know Charlotte Court House a little and vocational agriculture quite a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 6, 1954

Mb. Will Maslow
Commission on Law and Social Action
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

It's all right, I will come up and do the speaking on November 17.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 7, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

Here's the latest issue of Mr. Roy Harris' publication.

Except for a couple of radio broadcasts and for minute mention of this whole matter in reputable newspapers.

If you refer to my first quarterly report coming up to you today, you will see reference to the various steps taken toward answering these charges. Yesterday, I sent Mr. McGill of the *Atlanta Constitution* the letter prepared to go to any newspapers which carried Harris' charges, and asked that the *Constitution* publish the letter in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Thus far the *Atlanta Constitution* has not carried the letter. We are drafting and reviewing now a letter which may be sent to Roy Harris direct.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 7, 1954

City Memorial Hospital
East Fourth Street,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Attention: Business Office

Dear Sirs:

Early in June Otis Johnson whose local address was YMCA, 315 N. Spruce Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. and whose home address is 39 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, Mass. was a patient in your hospital for some ten days or so.

Since he was working on a project for the Council on a temporary basis, Dr. George S. Mitchell our executive director, signed a note as guarantor for the hospital bill so that on discharge Mr. Johnson might have time to get payment from his home. We have been told by his mother that no bill has come to her though she had agreed to be responsible. Neither have we received a bill for this service.

Will you please check your records and forward to Mrs. Johnson a bill for whatever is due on the account of Otis Johnson. Send bill to:

Mrs. Catherine Johnson
39 Kirkland Street,
Camburdge, Mass.

We would also like to have you send us the note which Dr. Mitchell signed as soon as you receive payment in full for the hospital bill from Mrs. Johnson.

Thank you very much for all your courtesies to Mr. Johnson during his stay in City Hospital.

Very truly yours,

ks

Katherine Stoney, Secty-Treas.

July 8, 1954

Miss Joyce White
Administrative Assistant
National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools
Two West 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss White:

We overshot our target date somewhat, but the pamphlet is now at the printers and should be back within about a week or ten days at the most. We are glad to know that your broadcast got such a large response, and that you wish to mail copies of the Council's pamphlet to all those who wrote in.

We can supply 400 copies free and additional quantities at the cost price of $15.00 per hundred. I will send you several copies as soon as they are off the press and will look forward to hearing from you further.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 8, 1954

Mr. John Slawson
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

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Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 8, 1954

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Houston 19, Texas

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Sincerely,

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Encls.

July 8, 1954

Dr. Herbert L. Seamans
Director, Commission on Educational Organizations
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Seamans:

Enclosed is the information you requested for inclusion in "Education in a Transition Community" by Jean D. Grambs. We appreciate the opportunity to indicate to the readers of the pamphlet the services which are available through the Southern Regional Council.

We have read Dr. Grambs' manuscript in draft and think it is excellent. Incidentally, we are listing it as a resource in our forthcoming pamphlet entitled Answers for Action: Schools in the South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/cab
Encl.

July 8, 1954

Mr. Henry Toy, Jr.
Director
National Citizens Commission for the
Public Schools
Two West 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Toy:

This is in belated but grateful reply to your letter of June 16th offering us the use of a recording of the program on "The Negro and the Schools."

We should like very much to have a copy of the recording, so that at least our staff members and others here might have an opportunity to hear the program. If necessary, we could return the disks to you after use; if that is not necessary, we could put them to good use.

I have today written Miss Joyce White of your staff that we will presently be able to send you copies of our pamphlet Answers for Action: Schools in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 8, 1954

Mr. S. R. Jeffers
Director of Research
Mississippi Economic Council
Standard Life Building
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

Thank you for your letter of July 2nd enclosing your Council's recent statement of policy on public school education.

Your plan for a series of forums in the Fall on this subject sounds most promising. The Supreme Court Decision is still so recent that very little on the subject has found its way into print, or into the form of visual aids. We have currently at the printers a pamphlet which is intended to point out to local people of both races, ways in which they may be helpful in meeting the situation posed by the Decision. It includes, among other things, a map of the South which presents in color, county by county, the proportion of Negro population in the region. The body of the pamphlet will consist of questions and answers about various aspects of the Decision and its implications, and the full text of the Decision will be printed. The map and perhaps parts of the pamphlet may be helpful to you in planning your program. I will send you a copy as soon as the pamphlet is off the press.

If we can be of further assistance to you and your organization in any way, we will welcome the opportunity to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 8, 1954

Mr. Philip Coombs
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Phil:

Whatever came of the various potential proposals that the book be distributed to local school superintendents in the South? Did Lawrence Derthick's letter ever arrive and serve the purpose, or did you get some proposal from the state school offices at the NEA meeting?

I ask because Alfred Mynders will be here in Atlanta for an Executive Committee meeting some time soon and I want to be able to tell him what finally came of his efforts. You may remember that Mynders wrote Derthick suggesting that he write you.

Thanks for report #3 on reactions to the book. I thought it was a very interesting roundup.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 8, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

This is in belated appreciation of your effective suggestion to Mr. Lawrence Derthick. I know Phil Coombs of the Fund for the Advancement of Education was delighted to get Mr. Derthick's letter and to have this opportunity to give further distribution to the Ashmore book among school people in the South.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Executive Committee meeting later this month.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 8, 1954

Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send me information about your rates and other details of your service, including a subscription form.

I should also like to know whether your service may be retroactive and if so for what period of time past.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 8, 1954

Mr. Emory Via
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt College
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Emory:

Many thanks for the clippings you have been sending us. They are most helpful since otherwise we would not see them. We are not faring too well at the hands of the Georgia press -- or Georgia politicians!

Glad to know about Mike Stuart. We will look forward to meeting him and will ply him with all the information we can.

All best wishes to you and Margaret.

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HCF/eab

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Executive Director

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Encls.

July 8, 1954

Mr. Joseph Ross
Vice-President
Neiman-Marcus
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Joe:

A thousand thanks for your many kindnesses when I was in Dallas. The party at your home was a most happy occasion, and it was a cheering honor to have you out at the Convention.

I had a most pleasant visit with Maurice Lazarus, who was as kind and interested as could be. Mr. Strauss I found out of town, but left word with his secretary that I had called. I have written to him and to Mr. Lazarus as enclosed.

Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, is currently Chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations (which is the Texas affiliate of SRC), and asked me to send copies of the memoranda outlining the new relationships between SRC and state organizations to Mr. Jerome K. Crossman, First National Bank Building, Dallas. She said that he is head of the Dallas Citizens Interracial Association and she hopes to interest him in linking his group in some way with the reorganizing Texas Commission on Race Relations. So, I sent him the attached three documents. These extra copies for you, though it is overmuch for you to puzzle out.

Here's a copy of a leaflet Mrs. Tilly got out as one of the consequences of the Williamsburg meeting.

Warm appreciation.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 8, 1954

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
First National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

I was in Houston the other day and met with Mrs. James S. Grate, 2410 Inwood Drive, and various members of the Executive Committee of the Texas Commission on Race Relations, such as Mrs. William H. Hogue, Mr. Charles Shaw, and Mr. Edmund Smith. Mrs. Grate particularly asked that I send on to you copies of the three memorandums thus far issued by SRC on the new relationships we hope to have with our state divisions.

She is hopeful, as we would be that the Dallas Citizens Interracial Association would find some link, formal or informal, with the Texas Commission on Race Relations. I send you some recent issues of the Council's small "maggie" New South, as showing our tendency and program.

If our Council could be helpful to you or to your friends in any way, we would wish to be.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Executive Director

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July 8, 1954

Mr. Maurice Lazarus
Executive Vice-President
Foley's
1110 West Main Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Lazarus:

Nice of you to see me the other day. And I enjoyed the visit.

Here are some back issues of SRC's "maggie" which will show the way we think and work.

We had a helpful meeting of some of the members of the Executive Committee of the Texas Commission on Race Relations at the YW at Houston the day I was there with Mrs. James S. Grute, Mrs. William H. Hogue, Mr. Charles Shaw, Mr. Edmund Smith, and one or two others.

I expect that the new paid staff for the Texas Commission will be chosen and enter on duty sometime in the Autumn months.

I had no opportunity to see Mr. F. M. Law but have made a note of the matter and will try to be in touch with him the next time I am in Houston.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb

July 8, 1954

Mr. Percy S. Strauss, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Bankers Mortgage Building
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Strauss:

Sorry I missed you when I was in Houston four or five days ago. I had been at Dallas and had seen Joe Ross, who said that I should by all means pay you a visit.

I would like you to know about our Southern Regional Council. It is an old organization reaching back through its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to 1919 and has had this name since 1944. We have been a South-wide membership organization with a couple of thousand members and a Board of Directors of people of some distinction.

Main problem is race relations. But we are interested in all matters of health, housing, industrial growth, education, agriculture, and general welfare. Non-denominational, non-political, strictly private. In each Southern state we have had for years an organization of SRC members. In Texas, the principle body has been the Texas Commission on Race Relations, of which Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, has for some years been the Chairman. The Fund for the Republic gave us lately a substantial grant for putting paid staff into each of the state organizations and for hooking all of the state work together through the central office here in Atlanta.

My visit to Houston was to talk with Mrs. Crate and others closely associated with her, including Mr. Carter Wesley, Mrs. William H. Hogue, and Mr. Charles A. Shaw, about the application of this program in Texas.

We have published for years a small monthly, of which I send you several back numbers.

I do hope you will like us and take an interest in the growth of the movement in Texas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 9, 1954

Mr. Robert G. Menefee
1255 College Post Office
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Menefee:

We like your program just as you have planned it.

Tell us from time to time where you are.

I would appreciate a letter from you at the end of each week, not a great long report, but a newsy letter.

Try to get into the letter or into a separate sheet, names and accurate addresses of various people you see who show an interest and might be cultivated later as members of the appropriate state organizations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 9, 1954

Mrs. L. S. Ashley
The Florida Council of Church Women
1611 Drake
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

Many thanks for your letter of July 7. We have put the twenty cents in the treasury. Answers for Action has gone to the printer and should be back in three or four days, and a copy of it will be sent you.

I met ten days or so ago in Jacksonville with a lawyer named Davisson Dunlap in the Barnett Building, who is the Chairman of the Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council. We have perhaps ninety paid up members in the state. I cannot claim that the Florida Division has been effectively organized and active these last two or three years but, with the prospect of paid staff, they plan now to get going vigorously. Dunlap expected to call a meeting of his Executive Committee about July 5 to make preliminary plans, and then to call a larger meeting early in September and make final plans for launching his program in October.

Two of the women who have been most devoted to the Florida Division's work are: Mrs. Henry Havens, 2845 Corinthian Avenue, Jacksonville. She is Secretary-Treasurer, I believe, for the Department of Christian Social Relations for the Protestant Episcopal Church for its southeastern Province; and Mrs. W. C. White, 753 North Highland, Eau Gallie, the wife of a Methodist minister now, I believe, at the above address. Mrs. White gets about the state quite a lot and, as you doubtless know, has met frequently with youth groups from the various churches.

One of your Ocala girls is presently the Sociologist for the Atlanta office of the Southern Regional Council (though she is on leave just now at Chapel Hill, N.C., polishing up her M.A.). She is Anna Holden, whose people live at 703 East Second Street in Ocala.

I think it can be expected that the Florida Division will be starting up again with paid staff early in October. But that hardly helps your problem of somebody to work with your September 19-21 conference.

My first suggestion would be Mrs. White who is extremely good. Failing that arrangement I could send you someone capable. Technically, I could come myself, but I will be out of the office for the whole of the week preceeding, and it is a little tough on people here for me to be gone again after a week of absence. I hope we shall have on our staff at that time, Earl Brewer, who has been teaching in the Candler School of Theology at Emory. He has had a good deal to do with managing the Town and Country ministers business all over the South; is a trained Rural Sociologist, and will probably be helping us to get the state groups going.

If you like the idea of Mrs. White try that; if for any reason that does not suit, let us know and we will send you someone.

I thought the meeting here in Atlanta was notable and you are all to be praised and thanked for the fine statement that resulted. Still more, I am sure you will be praised in the future for the things that you and the others do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 9, 1954

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation, Inc.
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

I guess you can count on my being there for the July 22nd meeting at the Seelbach Hotel. I am anxious to share in the planning. As you probably know, I am obligated to be in Lexington teaching at the A. F. of L. Summer School, July 18-23. I have written Mr. Wolfe in Louisville and have asked him for permission to be gone during the middle of Thursday, the 22nd, undertaking to make up the teaching at any other workable time. It may be that the complexities of the teaching schedule will keep me away from the meeting until 12:45, thus missing my lunch. But there is every reason to suppose that I will show up at 12:45 on the 22nd.

There are one or two points about your letter that was sent out July 6th that I want to write you on later--and will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 9, 1954

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Director
Department of Research and Education
Of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

I expect to drive to Louisville and arrive late Sunday afternoon, July 18, in time for supper. I will have Mrs. Mitchell with me.

One complication. The Kentucky Division of the Southern Regional Council is having an important reorganization meeting of its Executive Committee in Louisville at 12:00 Noon Thursday, July 22.

I am aware that it is a pretty grave matter to ask you to try to arrange the teaching schedule so as to let me get to Louisville for that meeting; but do see what you can work out. I don't mind missing the luncheon part of the meeting provided I could arrive in downtown Louisville by say 12:45 that day. I will have my own car so no bother about transportation.

Perfectly willing to stay over another day to make it up or to teach double on an afternoon, or to teach at night, or at 4 AX, or anything you want.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 9, 1954

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ocie Lee:

Many thanks for the Shreveport dope which I, myself, had missed, though maybe the engine got it. Anyway, we will get it into the stream.

Warm regards to Stephen Stephan.

I hear that Bunche told, at the meeting of the NEA in New York, the tale about going to the University of Arkansas and notifying them ahead of time that he would only speak to an unsegregated audience. All went well -- faultlessly so -- but when he was leaving one of his white conductors said "Mr. Bunche you don't know how much trouble you caused us. There are only about 70 Negroes in Fayetteville and we had to send down to Little Rock for whole carloads of colored people to come up here and sprinkle the audience."

Harold Fleming went out and met with the people in the Arkansas Division-to-be. They seem to have plans and I hope that they will come along this Fall with a good show.

I will get out there sooner or later. I know I would be thereabouts in December because I have to go to Mineral Wells, Texas, for a labor school in the middle of the month. And if I get to Mineral Wells, Texas I certainly ought to be able to get to Little Rock and Fayetteville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 9, 1954

Dr. Broadus Mitchell
313 West Twentieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Broad:

This is one mischief of a good guy. Full of ideas, full of shove. Has a hobby of getting books printed for next to nothing. Calls his hobby "The Scarecrow Press" and actually imprints under that name. Says a whole lot of technical books with limited circulation need to get into print and has found a way to do it with offset and simple binding, which lets him put out ~~to~~ would be twenty dollar books for 2.50 or 3.00 bucks. You will be lucky to have him in the Rutgers community.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 9, 1954

Dr. Ralph R. Shaw
The Library
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ralph:

I saw in the New York Times that you are going to Rutgers. It saddens me to see another good egg leaving the honorable the government. Heigh, Ho!

My oldest brother, Broadus Mitchell, teaches economics at Rutgers. I have written him and encouraged him to find you. He commutes from Manhattan and it may be a while before he gets to the Library School, but I hope the two of you will be friends.

Admiringly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Dr. Broadus Mitchell
313 West Twentieth St.
New York City

July 12, 1954

Mr. Thomas R. Miller
The Home Insurance Company
Miller and Arthur, Inc.
236 West Evans Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Miller:

I was never furnished with a list of the people who came to the meeting of representatives from United Councils of Church Women in the various Southern states. They were, in most instances, either Chair-women of the state Councils or the Chair-women for Christian Social Relations of the state Councils. I do remember that the woman from South Carolina was Miss Caroline Gillespie, RFD 3, Hartsville, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 12, 1954

Dictated July 9

Mrs. Richard Bray
West 1129 Fourteenth Avenue
Spokane 4, Washington

Dear Mrs. Bray:

We are happy to send you a copy of our manual for hometown self-surveys and reports from the surveys conducted at Jacksonville,* Florida,* Greenville, South Carolina, and Shreveport,* Louisiana. We send, also, a copy of a survey conducted by a division of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

The whole business, with postage, comes to $1.00, and here's a bill for that.

We have sent the publications on to you separately.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

* Not sent - out of print.

July 12, 1954

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: George S. Mitchell

On MAW's letter of July 3rd, GTH and GSM reached the following conclusions:

1. Agreed we should do. I assume you are doing but if you have not done it launch it. You and I agreed that the clipping service would be limited to actual mention of SRC.

2. Should be done. Couldn't you make arrangements for Anna Holden on her return to pick up this systematically?

3. GTH will draft such a letter. It will emphasize our plans for six or twelve months ahead and will tie in the monetary responsibility of Board members. It will emphasize the fact that most of the grant goes to the states, and that the Board members must help the states and the central office close the gaps on funds.

4. GTH and GSM like a letter to each state outfit, with exacting and agreeing reply.

5. Becomes a part of the answer to 4.

6. This we will put up to the Executive Committee meeting July 30. My best suggestion is to ask MAW to spend a week in Atlanta to talk appropriate guys into being on the proposed Finance Committee.

7. We are doing it already and will continue.

A. I am asking Katherine Stoney to take care of.

B. I agree, but would like to keep initial power.

C. GTH and GSM shrink from the whole business, but I suppose would be willing to make it a part of our personnel practices in this office and in the states to get from personnel employed, a statement that they have examined the Attorney General's list and that they belong only to certain stated outfits on the list (as given).

It is suggested that where they have belonged to any such listed outfits, we exact a letter from the Chairman of the state organization saying that he has satisfied himself that the stated membership in no way impugns the loyalty of the person employed ar about to be employed.

D. Of course.

E. I think this should be a function of the Executive Committee itself. What do you think?

F. I assume you have some arrangement on this.

July 12, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

Here's the latest effusion of Roy Harris.

This is the only copy we have and, regretfully, I must ask you to send it back or to send us a reproduction of it in some form. Maybe you will photostat it. I don't like to photostate things of this kind hereabouts because sometimes the negatives get unhappily used.

Do be at pains to try to get some account of these attacks to people in the Fund for the Advancement of Education office. They hear of them as through a veil darkly and wonderingly. You remember that the last issue, I think, jumped on the whole Ashmore business too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 12, 1954

Mr. Robert Menefee
1255 College Post
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Menefee:

I can send you various thingsthat can help. Here is a list of the Board members of SRC including officers.

Dope on me herewith enclosed.

Ordinary dues are $3.00 a year. Occasionally and happily, we get a sustaining member who gives us $10.00. In most instances we split dues with the state divisions of the states in which the dues payers live.

Here's one copy of the audit for 1953 and five more copies of the issue of New South that gave a brief financial report.

By all means give out copies of New South or whatever else will be helpful toward getting people interested.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.
New Souths sent under separate cover

July 12, 1954

Dr. Raymond B. Pinchbeck
Dean
Richmond College
University of Richmond
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dean Pinchbeck:

That was extremely kind of you to send me the sun dial address on father and Dr. Metcalf. Alice and I were distressed that we could only be in Richmond the day before and couldn't arrange travel to get us with the little group around the sun dial.

You made a good speech. I suppose, almost uniquely now, you knew both father and Dr. Metcalf rather well. Nobody but Gaines and Dr. Loring, or maybe Professor Ryland could rival you. And, happily, you have not their years.

I sent copies to Mary and to each of my brothers.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 12, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

From: George S. Mitchell

MAW's incoming of July 3 laid out to me on page 2 the following item, which is the entirety of the last paragraph of page 2. Will you take on the responsibility of supplying such a list at this up-coming and subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee?

> "At each meeting of the Executive Committee I would suggest that the members be furnished with a list showing names of employees, salaries and duties as of the date of meeting. We are now furnished with excellent financial reports which Miss Stoney prepares. I believe that it would be of value to the Board at all times to have before it the personnel information above suggested. It will (1) constantly remind us of any possible inequities in the salary field; (2) enable us fully to understand the duties to be performed by each staff member, which might have some bearing upon his or her proper compensation and (3) enable the Executive Committee to have some idea as to the need for employing as large a staff as we have or additional members if the present staff should be deemed inadequate."

July 12, 1954

Dictated July 9

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

So far as I can learn, there are only three responsible papers which carried any mention of the Roy Harris blast: The Savannah Evening Press, the Macon Telegraph for June 28th, and the Macon News for June 28th. All carried the same UP story dated from Atlanta.

The Savannah Evening Press story can well serve as a sample of the three stories. It is copied on the attached.

As all three stories carried what we think is a pretty complete answer to Harris, we propose to leave it at that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 12, 1954

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Our Florida people will be having an Executive Committee meeting late this month, and a bigger meeting to get re-organized in September. Haven't you got some names of Florida people who might like to join in the effort to get a permanent and effective race relations outfit going in the State? If you can let me have some names I would get our Florida Chairman (Davisson Dunlap, a respected lawyer in Jacksonville) to cultivate them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 12, 1954

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
805 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

The enclosed was received in the mail today.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Copy and original incoming ltr to KS for information.

July 12, 1954

Reverend Samuel F. Freeman
Park Avenue Church
Disciples of Christ
Park Avenue at 17th Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Reverend Freeman:

Yes, I agree that SRC will put up $50.00 if it is needed. Here is an SRC Expense Voucher. If the $200 runs out on you, go ahead and travel up to $50.00 worth, and list the travel on the blue blank and we will pay it.

Answers for Action goes to the press today. I hope we can have it available for you in time, but we will have something if not that.

We should have said that Russell at Rocky Mount, North Carolina holds the office of Chairman of the North Carolina Division by default and while interested is not vigorously interested. But as he has held pastorates in Eastern North Carolina, he must know who, in that part of the state can be helpful. And he is a pretty good guy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 12, 1954

Reverend Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

All straight for Montreat, and the time is reserved on my calendar! I note that it is on the calendar, however, as August 6-11. Do you want us to be up at Montreat and in harness by 10:00 August 5, or merely for an evening meeting August 5?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 12, 1954

Mr. M. A. F. Ritchie
President
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York

Dear Miller:

Ted Poston greatly greatly exaggerates my reputation!

I do hope Fred will come to see me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 12, 1954

Mr. J. Max Bond
2303 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Max:

The people most interested in the Kentucky Division of SRC will be meeting on July 22, at Louisville, about noon. I imagine that it is the best group to get further with deciding whom they wish for their Executive Secretary.

It isn't a thing that I have the deciding on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 13, 1954

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation, Inc.
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

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There are various other little points about bonding and By-Laws, etc., that we can take up together when I get there.

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Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 14, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Mrs. Hamilton, Harold Fleming, and I, have discussed with care your letter of July 3rd with various suggestions about our new structure and program. I assume you kept a copy and will not, therefore, do more than give the number of each item.

1. Harold has written to a clipping service to ask for prices. It is proposed to instruct the clipping service to clip only those items which actually refer to the Southern Regional Council. Our previous poor experience with service of this kind was related to the fact that we asked them to clip news releases in the field of race relations, and the clippers were unable to make the value judgements involved.

2. This is being done and will be a responsibility of Anna Holden under Fleming's supervision.

3. Mrs. Hamilton has drafted such a letter which will go out with a report to members of the Board for the period April 1, June 30. Should go out in a few days.

4. Our idea would be a detailed letter to each state outfit, laying out the details of our agreement with the state organisations and exacting an agreeing reply. Would that be satisfactory?

5. Should be cared for under #4 above, but there will be the additional safeguard of a requirement on SRC's part that the By-Laws of each state outfit contain language approved by SRC prohibiting politics. There is, also, the safeguard of our payment of the personnel by check from here. But I am willing to require a certification from each state outfit's chairman, quarterly or annually, as the Executive Committee may think best, that the tax-exempt assistance is not being used for political or propagandist purposes.

6. I want this to happen but have never achieved it. I really think the best chance of getting it done would be for you to stay down here three, four, or five days after the July meeting -- or, perhaps more fruitfully in the Autumn -- and interview the people who ought to be on the finance committee and tell them what we want of them and get them to agree.

7. I agreed with Freeman that SRC would provide a quarterly report, narrative and fiscal, to the Fund for the Republic. The first such narrative report has gone up, copy to you, and Katherine Stoney is now completing her quarterly fiscal report to the Fund for the Republic.

A. We will do, beginning July 30.

B. That has been our uniform rule. I propose to break it for the first time this afternoon by propositioning Brewer to be a field man, helping us supervise state programs. But I would explain to him that our final offer to him would have to be approved by the Executive Committee. In any case, he would not enter on duty until September, 1955.

C. None of us like this, but we are willing to do what is needful. We have two suggestions and no decision as to which is best:

1. SRC to require that incoming central office and state personnel be shown the Attorney General's list and required to state whether they are or have been members of any organization on the list. If they are, or have been, members of any of them, we could require from the Chairman of the state division a statement that he had discussed the matter with the candidate and was convinced that the membership does or does not impugn the loyalty of the candidate to the government of the United States.

2. We could ask all applicants to list all organizations with which they have been affiliated and, either through this office or through the Chairman of each state division, handle any unpatriotic listings according to the facts of the situation.

Suggest that the matter go to the Executive Committee.

D. Of course.

E. The staff is agreed that this should be a function of the Executive Committee, but we will cooperate with whatever the Executive Committee wishes.

F. Fleming has arranged this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Copy to: Dr. Rufus E. Clement

July 15, 1954

Mr. John B. Goodbody
Sign of the Blue Ball
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Goodbody:

In looking over the report of the Conference at Williamsburg which the Lodge so kindly assisted in, it occured to me that we had never done you the courtesy of sending you a copy of the Conference report.

We are all deeply appreciative of the Lodge's hospitality to us; in every circumstanse our comfort and productiveness was assisted.

I know that the Restoration cherishes its educational impacts; and I thought, therefore, that it would be appropriate for a copy of the proceedings of that Conference to be somewhere in the Restoration's files.

The report is not a public document.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

Copy to Mr. Philip Coombs

July 15, 1954

Mrs. B. Tartt Bell
The American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Thanks a lot for Florida help. I have passed the suggestions on to Davisson Dunlap, at Jacksonville, our State Chairman there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb

July 15, 1954

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

We get along well with the American Friends Service Committee, which has a Southeastern headquarters at Greensboro, North Carolina. Someone told me that their head man there, W. Tartt Bell, knew of various useful people in Florida, who could doubtless be helpful in getting the Florida organization SRC-style going again. I pass on to you the names and comments that Bell sent. Tartt Bell said his, Bell's, name might be used in your contacts with these persons:

V. C. Johnson, Dinsmore Dairy Farms, Jacksonville.
Thoroughgoing liberal, successful businessman.

Caroline Jacob, 130 19th Avenue, S. E. St. Petersburg.
Influential Friend, who has been Chairman of their Peace and Service Committee. In contact with the approximately 1000 Friends scattered over Florida.

Ben Stalvey, University of Miami.
Just back from two years overseas for AFSC

Clyde Alley, FSU, Tallahassee.
Influential Friend, who was attached to their meeting in Chicago.

Albert Kissling, Riverside Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville.
Forthright on race, and influential.

He spoke also of the usefulness of the Florida Chain of Missions -- a large interdenominational effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1954

Mr. E. Jefferson Murphy
Institute of African-American Relations, Inc.
732 Twenty-Third Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear E. Jeff!

Many thanks for the nice and informing letter about the new job.

I have your address safely in my wallet, and the next time I get to Washington, I will show and learn the rest of the dope.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1954

Mr. Cornaff Taylor
Mayor's Commission on Human Relations
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We have sent out a NAIRO leaflet to all our Board members, tacking to each one a ticket urging an interest in NAIRO, and praising the *Reporter*.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 15, 1954

Dr. Guy Johnson
The University of North Carolina
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Here's a copy of an incoming from Harry Jones dated July 13th, and my reply.

I think I sent on to you one or two of the various letters that came in in his behalf. Others were: June 10th from G. E. Mattison, Executive Secretary of United Community Services in Charlotte; Lester B. Granger in New York, who mentioned the fact that Harry Jones' brother, John Paul Jones, is a valuable member of the National Urban League Board; George A. Douglas of the Family Life Education Program in Charlotte, who, I believe sent a letter directly to you, and maybe another not yet located in our files.

I assume that your group in North Carolina is in a better position than I am to praise Mr. Jones. While what I heard about him was one-sided, it gave me some pause. I am also dubious of raising extra money for extra salary. It makes for dissatisfaction among the other state Secretaries. Though I acknowledge that $5,000 ($5,500 in years two and three) is not enough to attract commercially, in some instances, the people we want. In any case, it is North Carolina's business, though we do ask to be closely consulted before a final selection has been agreed upon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

July 15, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Yorkmount Road
Route 3
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Picking the man for North Carolina is, in the first instance, the job of the people in North Carolina. As we both understand, though, I would claim a right of final approval before a selection is locked.

We are not expanding the Atlanta staff employment. Our effort is to get the money into the states where we think it will do the most good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Dr. Guy Johnson

Copy to: Dr. Mozell C. Hill
The Atlanta Urban League

July 15, 1954

Dictated July 14

Mr. Jack A. Robinette
1068 Otis Boulevard
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Robinette:

I recommend the community self-survey. Greenville did a honey!

Famously two ways to make a survey: (1) Which is no good: Get any committee and raise some money, hire some experts, pile up the facts, print them, send the experts back to Pittsburgh, and nothing will happen. (2) It works! Get a right committee -- exactly the right one, white and Negro. Hire no experts. Make the committee pull in the facts -- they will squawk but they will get it done -- and when the right people in town begin to have the facts they will begin to get changes made.

Fix it so the committee, after making its report, meets again every six months and ticks off the things done, and concentrate community forces on the next things undone. And in the process of doing these things of common interest, the white and Negro community leaders become friends. And thereafter all the fringes of attacked problems get solved by simple mutual process.

Also, this hooks together your mental health interest and your general interest.

Manual on Greenville results and mimeographed material on Greenville, herewith. Technically, you ought to send seventy cents for the pamphlets. Hope you will.

I think Rosamonde Wimberly Boyd at Converse has some interest in the survey business. Next time you are in Greenville, talk with Harold J. Weekley at the Community Chest offices.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Pamphlet and mimeographed material sent under separate cover.

July 16, 1954

Reverend Samuel F. Freeman
c/o Mr. G. V. Freeman
Box 414
Washington, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Freeman:

Answers for Action is coming back from the printer by or before Tuesday morning, July 20th. Wire us or telephone us, Walnut 1821, where to send you some and we will get you a stack of it quickly.

Meanwhile, to keep my promise, here's ten copies of *Questions and Answers* and ten copies of the *Checklist*.

Answers for Action is a honey and is worth some fidgeting around to get into your hands and into the hands of those you talk to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Encls.

July 16, 1954

Reverend Carl R. Pritchett
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Pritchett:

Many thanks for your warming letter of July 14. All praise for what you and others in Anderson are about.

I will send you some copies of Answers for Action in a day or so, as soon as it comes from the printer. It contains the Supreme Court decision also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1954

Mr. L. H. Samuels
University of the Witwatersrand
Milner Park
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Mr. Samuels:

Very nice indeed of you to write. We all enjoyed your visit and wish it could have been longer and could have given more of us opportunity to find out answers to many of the questions we constantly ask about Africa and South Africa.

I am glad to send you New South from time to time. And you must let me have your things as they come out.

The Supreme Court decision loosens things up quite a lot. For the moment Georgia is the vesuvias through which the noise and molten anger of the old South goes up. But we comfort ourselves and laugh at the volcano by supposing that the pressure underneath is steadily getting less. I daresay most of our candidates for the governorship of Georgia are intellectual cousins to your Dr. Verwoerd.

Some good day I will turn up in South Africa and do my map in gaudy chalk on your blackboard at Witwatersrand!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1954

Mr. W. E. Garnett
Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station
Department of Agricultural Economics
and Rural Sociology
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Garnett:

How very nice to have your letter with news of the interesting project.

I put in two things that may be helpful: "Church and Conscience in the South," *New South,* 1951; and *Race -- What Does The Bible Say?,* published by The Christian Council of South Africa. They went into it quite thoroughly.

Also, I will send you in three or four days, when it comes back from the printer, a new pamphlet we are doing called *Answers for Action,* which tells what we think should be done about the school matter.

Two main things to get going with:

1. Local interracial neighborhood or town discussion groups, containing a few white and Negro people carefully chosen to sit down together in and make friends on the issue and find the facts and begin to make plans on the Supreme Court's ruling. That is the beginning of health.

2. Contrive honest, courageous representation of the Negro community on the local school board.

We hope, in cooperation with Emerson Smith and his friends, to set up, in Virginia this Fall, and revive the Virginia Interracial group. We have $13,000 we can give it for staff, and diminishing sums for the next two or three years.

I am never in contact with you without recalling, with deep affection, Charlie Burr.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - "Church and Conscience in the South"
Race -- What Does The Bible Say?

July 16, 1954

Mr. Samuel M. Hughes
621 Meadowbrook Road
Kings Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I send you the last three or four issues of our little magazine, *New South*, and a list of all our most recent publications. Also, we will send you in a few days a new pamphlet called *Answers for Action*, which tells what to do about the schools.

We will be reorganising in North Carolina this Fall the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, with paid staff. Guy Johnson, Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina, is vice-chairman and is attending to it.

You ~~would~~ should be in touch with the American Friends Service Committee 617 West Market Street, Greensboro. I daresay that their travelling college secretary, Anne Queen, who used to be chaplain at the University of Georgia, will find her way past Shelby to Boiling Springs, and come helpfully to the campus and to your class.

Perhaps you would care to join the Council, or subscribe to *New South* so that you will be getting the magazine straight along.

There is quite a lot of helpful material in the Newsletter of the National Council of Churches. Write to Oscar Lee at the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

We would like to be helpful to you in any way at all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
New South sent under separate cover.

July 19, 1954

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
of New York, Inc.
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Marion Wright tells me that Judge Waring has resigned from the Board of Southerners for Civil Rights.

I do think you have all along had the right idea of what they ought to be working it. I wish they would be active in that.

I did see Ted Poston's story. It much exaggerates my out-reach.

I hope to see you next time I am in New York.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 19, 1954

Miss Margaret Berkshire
Vice-President
Senior Woman's Club
Box 573
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Miss Berkshire:

Thank you for your letter of July 14th.

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you that the date of October 13th is open, and that he will be glad to speak at the annual banquet of the Senior Woman's Club, Yadkin Hotel, at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to estimated expenses of about $35.00, Dr. Mitchell says that a fee of $50.00 would greatly help the Council. He is out of the city at present, and left no word as to his subject. I feel sure, however, that he will take into consideration your kind words about the Guilford College lecture in choosing a subject.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

EAB/

July 19, 1954

Miss Mary Louise Finney
Community Relations Secretary
Association for World Travel Exchange
1790 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Finney:

Thank you for your letter of July 15th about the group of foreign students on tour in the United States this Summer. Dr. Mitchell is out of the city for the week, but has asked that I write you re the August 16th appointment.

Dr. Mitchell is tentatively scheduled to be out of the city on that date. However, there is the possibility that he will not have to fill the engagement, and I suggest that you write again about this around August 1st. Dr. Mitchell is always pleased to meet and talk with these foreign students, and if he is in the city on Monday, August 16th, he will be delighted to see them anytime after 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

July 19, 1954

Dr. William L. Bowden
University of Virginia Extension Division
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Bowden:

Many thanks for your letter of July 13th.

Father's career, 1864-1948. And I, for all my grey hairs, am unlikely to be a surviving brother!

It so happens that father left a lengthy manuscript of memoirs which hasn't yet found the proper publisher, and which various grandchildren with typing fingers have put on to stencils, and which my wife and I are, in these nights, running off on about a 1903 model mimeograph machine. It has a whole chapter of seventeen pages entitled "Cooperative Education in Virginia."

That is page 111 to 128. We have got as far as page 99. The minute we get to your pages, which is probably tomorrow, I will send you that chapter and the whole book could be had (one of the precious 150) for about three bucks when we get to page 258.

All of father's and mother's papers, with the exception of the few most intimate family matters, were shipped on father's death to the custody of Professor J. G. DeRoulhac Hamilton, in the History Department of the University of North Carolina, where I suppose they are technically in the custody of the library of the University of North Carolina. I bundled them up into two trunks. Nearly all of it is incoming letters to him. He kept no copies of his outgoing and mainly handwritten letters. They are higgeldy piggeldy in the two trunks. I don't know what you would find, but probably something. If somebody gives you money, then it would be worth your detaching a student to go down to Chapel Hill and dig through.

I rather think that former President Blackford, at Macon, shared father's activities in the Cooperative Education Association in Virginia. He is gone, of course, but somebody around Macon would know where his papers are. And Dr. James Early Fax was a Secretary of the Cooperative Education Association before Fax's death.

All praise to your enterprise. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/ Signed in his absence

July 20, 1954

Mrs. Thelma W. Babbitt
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Babbitt:

George Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of July 8. In our opinion the automobile assembly plants are among the more important companies for concentration in an effort to secure "employment on merit." The union has a sound "national policy," even though there is little evidence of it at the Southern local level. There are, of course, many Negroes fully equipped for the work of assembly -- which requires in the main skills acquired on the job.

The regional offices of federal government agencies, all manufacturing concerns with government contracts, the public utilities and the telephone companies are also important. You are at work on a difficult objective -- but we rejoice that the Friends are helping move towards it.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) G. T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/eab

July 23, 1954

Journal of Public Law
Law School
Emory University,
Georgia

Gentlemen:

Please enter our order for 12 copies of the projected reprint of your articles on the Supreme Court's decision. Kindly bill us at the time the order is filled.

You may be interested to know that we have listed this issue of the *Journal of Public Law* as recommended reading in our pamphlet, just out, entitled *Answers for Action: Schools in the South*. I hope this results in further orders

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 23, 1954

Mr. Ben Price
Associated Press
330 Starr Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We figured you'd gotten waylaid by the attractions of Phoenix City, and our suspicions were confirmed when your piece showed up in last Sunday's *Journal-Constitution*. A good job, and very timely in view of the recent imposition of martial law there. I hope you get favorable action on your memo to New York re SRC. If so, would that mean a trip to Atlanta? If so again, make Margaret come with you even if you have to drag her.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

P.S. We finally got out this long-awaited pamphlet on the Supreme Court decision. I am sending you a copy separately.

July 23, 1954

Mr. Edwin Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for the roundup of foreign opinion which you had Mr. Segal send me. We are making good use of it.

Our pamphlet on the Supreme Court decision is finally out, and I am sending you a copy separately.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 23, 1954

Mr. W. C. Kessler
Professor of Economics
Colgate University
Hamilton, New York

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Thank you for sending me the description of your study group's program. I had not forgotten that I was supposed to write you, but had waited, for one reason, because I had hoped to have some word for you on your personal housing. Unfortunately, the possibility I had in mind has vanished. Perhaps by this time you have been able to make some arrangements anyway.

I recall that we discussed the possibility of one of your group being assigned to the Southern Regional Council. I have discussed it with other staff members here and we have agreed that it wouldn't be an auspicious time either for the student or for us. We are in the process of trying to squeeze new staff into our already overcrowded quarters. And the Fall months are likely to be a hectic time as we undertake to get programs going in 12 states. For those reasons we have regretfully concluded that it would be unwise for us to have a member of the study group with us at this time.

We will, however, be glad to make every contribution we can to the seminars which you will be holding in the mornings. I hope you will make full use of our staff and our materials. As a starter I am sending you separately a copy of our pamphlet, just out, on the recent Supreme Court decision and its implications for the South.

Our research assistant is on leave for some weeks but will be back in the office during August. At that time I will pass on to her your request for a selected bibliography and will get it off to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/eab

July 23, 1954

Mr. R. L. Hunt
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U. S. A.
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Lanier:

Here's the new pamphlet. Do help us push it around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
(sent under separate cover)

July 23, 1954

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

Here are a couple of copies of Answers for Action.

I thought the Druid Hills meeting was a very useful one, and I greatly appreciate your letting me be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. (sent under separate cover)

July 23, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Wilson
300 Hort Building
Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Nice to have your letter of July 12th.

Maybe you can help us push around in your circles this new pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Answers for Action ~~Under separate cover.~~

July 26, 1954

Mrs. Elisabeth W. Donovan
Box 4580
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Donovan:

I have your letter about the proposed life of Lucy Mason. I want to consult one or two others on the Committee and will give you an answer by the end of this week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

July 26, 1954

Miss Margaret Fisher
Andrews,
North Carolina

Dear Margaret:

I puzzled a good deal about the girl's request.

It does seem mighty early to be scratching together Lucy's life. On the other hand, in my mind, the decision is tipped by the probability that the young woman in hunting about now will turn up living sources of information that would be gone at a later stage. Also, she may cause to be saved various documents which otherwise people would destroy. I doubt that she would do the definitive life of Lucy, if one is to be done. Her spade work would be likely to be the definer.

I have some misgivings on the score of putting [illegible] together, while so many are alive, the tangled tale of the labor movement as Lucy related to it. But I suppose a labor movement is a matter of public record ten years after events.

I will withhold an answer to Mrs. Donovan's letter until I get your agreement or contrary advice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 26, 1954

Miss Esther C. Stamats
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
Department of United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Here are two copies of the new pamphlet (under separate cover) which contains the map. We are disappointed somewhat in the executism of the color print job, but it was done before we saw the proof. We will get the colors built up tone-wise in a further printing when, as and if.

I do hope you will consider ways in which the pamphlet can be made widely known and widely used within all, at least, of the Southern Boards of United Church Women.

If this map isn't useable enough for you I will be glad to get another copy made for you.

We have sent a copy of Answers for Action to each of the ladies on the list you gave me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/
signed in his absence

July 26, 1954

The Right Reverend C. Alfred Cole
P. O. Box 447
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Bishop Cole:

Here is a useful new pamphlet. I hope you will have time to read through it.

If you could send us the names of appropriate people in the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations within the Province, I will be happy to send copies to any persons you suggest.

And how should I approach the Southwestern Province?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Answers for Action sent under separate cover

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/ signed in his absence

July 26, 1954

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
624 Masonic Temple Building
1630 Fourth Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Evidently John Field hoped that the Southern Regional Council could pay for the travel involved in your getting up to the Board meeting of NAIRO August 13, and 14. That is outside my budget and I couldn't.

But I do hope you can go to this one or to some of the later ones. NAIRO is a useful organization needing a stronger link with the South, and you are the right person to provide the link.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/ signed in his absence.

July 26, 1954

Mrs. Annie Laurie Keyes
USACM/FOA
APO 928
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Keyes:

How very kind of you to send in for the Bulletin and to intend to send a needed $10.00 contribution to the Council. Unfortunately, the check got left out of the letter.

We think warmly of you and hope we will some day get you back Southside and Stateside.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 26, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Kleppe turned up in a Town and County ministerial meeting, organized by Emory University, here in Atlanta. I made a speechlet to the group and he came up afterwards and was asked to come down to my office for further talk, and we had some more time together at my home.

I liked the young fellow at once. He understood so quickly what was in my head, no matter what subject we got on to. His denomination, descending out of Zwingli, has always had a humanist touch to it. I know nothing of who he is in Texas or how his denomination stands in Texas, or of what his reputation for worthwhileness may or may not be in his own bailiwick. I should think you could determine that by telephone calls to friends in Houston, or somewhere down that way.

He looked to me like a good bet and I urged him to go by and talk to you. But I have no business choosing him, and I really sent him to you because he seemed to me like a likeable young man with his heart in the right place and with roots in the State.

I am more confirmed about our guess about Byron Buckeridge. He seems to have a real block about some phases of what would be his job with the Texas Commission. But I think he has talent as a writer and he is a good man in an office. And I have indicated to him that if later in the year we can get money for expanding New South we may possibly have a job for him here. But I have not yet gotten the money.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 26, 1954

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

Unfortunately, for the first three days of Mr. Madhav Kamath's visit to Atlanta I shall be in Chicago. But I will be back on the 16th and 17th.

I suggest that he come over to the Southern Regional Council office shortly after his arrival. There are others who could help him -- Mr. Harold Fleming, Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, etc.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
/signed in his absence

July 27, 1954

Miss Anne Foley
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Anne Foley:

I had promised to be at Mineral Wells, Texas, December 5th through the 10th for a workers education session put on by the A.F. of L. in the Southwestern states.

I have written to my own Southern Regional Council people in Texas and told them I would be out there that week and would be glad to meet with any of them before the Mineral Wells week or afterwards. They haven't yet replied, quite naturally, and if I locked with you a Shreveport stop before or after that could be worked out with my SRC people in Texas. If you do want me to stop, let me know. It wouldn't cost anything except what I might eat up and sleep on in Shreveport.

Unfortunately, that is the earliest trip I know of to your area. But it is altogether likely that I will be out that way to Arkansas or Mississippi before then, and if I do get called over in that direction I will let you know as soon ahead of time as I can.

Meanwhile, here's a good new pamphlet we have just done. I should think it would be helpful to you for local discussion groups at $.20 apiece and $15.00 a hundred. But if a hundred is too many I could get you fifty at $7.50 plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Answers for Action sent under separate cover

July 28, 1954

Dr. Morris C. Skinner
12 Holmesdale
Albany, New York

Dear Dr. Skinner:

Miller Ritchie tells me that his name is up as a possibility for work with the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church.

Miller Ritchie is a good stable fellow. Thoroughly informed in all matters of intergroup relations. A sound Social Scientist in attitude. Level-headed, good judgement, tactful, gets along with his superiors and his subordinates, and gets a job done. Good at organizing a new venture. Accustomed to working within a framework of religious emphasis.

I really have no criticism of him to offer; only praise. For an added string to his bow -- he would work with equal acceptability in the North and in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 28, 1954

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Congress Industrial Organizations
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Evidently Mrs. Donovan wrote to all those on the Committee. I have heard from Margaret Fisher and from you. I wrote Margaret Fisher that while it seemed early to be scratching together Lucy's life there was a good deal of advantage in turning Mrs. Donovan loose now. Doubtless she would have many interviews with a good many people now living who, at a later time, wouldn't be available. And Donovan's interest might cause to be saved documents here and there relating to Lucy's life which otherwise would disappear.

I have some qualms about turning someone loose in all the complexities of the labor movement during Lucy's period of connection with it. But I guess so important a thing as the American labor movement becomes something like public property in a very short while after events.

I wrote all of this to Margaret Fisher and asked her advice. She has been closer to Lucy than almost anybody. If Margaret Fisher agrees, then my advice would be to turn Mrs. Donovan loose. If you feel strongly that it is unwise, let me know and I will obey your judgement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 28, 1954

Mr. W. W. Law
2009 Florence Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Law:

I am anxious to come and it is merely a matter of matching up times: August 5-11 I have got to be in Montreat, North Carolina; August 12-13 at Chicago; August 29 - September 3 at Charlottesville, Virginia.

It could be August 1 or 2, which is mighty soon, or anytime between August 15 and 28.

Here's a mat and what's in Who's Who.

I believe you intended to find the expense money that would be involved -- nothing much.

Meanwhile, here's an excellent new pamphlet just off the press. I think Mr. Harper here will be getting quite a number for the Georgia Teachers and Education Association, but I hope that you or some of your friends will want to get a goodly stack of them also. It has been carefully done to serve as a textlet for local discussion groups on this subject.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

July 28, 1954

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
North Carolina Mutual Life
Insurance Company
Station "A", Box 2036
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Clement:

Nice to have your letter of July 24. It cheers us a lot to know that the things we could send were helpful.

I guess the truth about the report to the Board was that it was dictated before the Dallas trip as a report to the Fund for the Republic, and by my own carelessness not sufficiently altered later to cover the kind invitation the NAACP gave me to attend the Convention.

I had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Simons at the League of Women Voters gathering here in Atlanta yesterday.

I haven't yet heard from the action of your state division of SRC, but know that I can trust your able group of people to do wisely.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 28, 1954

Mr. Wallace F. Nelson
Inspiration House
1867 Kalorama Road, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Here's a copy of our new publication which may be helpful to your workshop.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Answers for Action sent under separate cover.

July 28, 1954

Reverend Charles G. Hamilton
Church of the Good Shepherd
1963 Jackson
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Charles:

The money we got from the Fund for the Republic is mainly for getting established in each of twelve Southern states a going race relations organisation with paid staff. We will assist the nucleus of the Mississippi Division of the Southern Regional Council to grow into such an organisation. Money for picking up paid staff becomes available October 1. Unfortunately, the present Chairman of the Mississippi Division, Rabbi Mantinband of Hattiesburg, is out of the state for the Summer, but others under him are making plans for such an organization.

I should think that some of the jobs that you have in mind could be picked up by this group, though I don't expect them to take on a law suit. And as it is tax-exempt money, they would have to be entirely non-political.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 28, 1954

Mr. Richard Durham
United Packinghouse Workers of America
1800 Transportation Building
608 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Durham:

Your best bet is Highlander Folk School at Monteagle. Can you work that out?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 28, 1954

Mr. Samuel S. Board
P. O. Box 115
Edgewater, Maryland

Dear Sam:

I don't see how that would work. A man of 26 to 28 has got a wife and a coming family. He needs income as well as prospects of a steady future job. The Haverford deal tells him to go off and study for a year, paying most of his expenses there. Then he goes to the Gold Coast. What kind of salary does he get in the Gold Coast, and how long is he good for over there?

The whole thing is the kind of thing I would like to help promote and help to get people for, but to get good people (unless you have an engine that fingers out such rarities as Harry Clement) somebody is going to have to put up some money or some security. Maybe that is cared for in the Gold Coast offer?

Nice to hear from you.

I think that with the help of Atlanta University some suitable young men could be found. Get me any more information you have available.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 28, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Wilson
300 Hort Building
Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have got one precious vacancy in this office. A man would have to travel around through the South putting together and improving 12 a'borning state organizations in race relations. Job pays well.

It is an administrative job dealing with people and it isn't directly a job as a Sociologist. But a Sociologist ought to know how to do it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 28, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The meeting of the Executive Committee, Friday at 811 Cypress Street at 10:00 a.m., will have quite a lot of business.

I send you, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, this advance copy of the Agenda which the staff proposes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

July 28, 1954

Miss Jo Pritchett
724 Oak Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Miss Pritchett:

Here are some printed things that may be helpful.

I find as I move about that a good many local churches in various denominations have actually opened their membership rolls to a few Negro persons. The Unitarian Churches in Richmond and, I believe, in Raleigh, and here in Atlanta, have some Negro members. A little Episcopal Church at Andrews, North Carolina, invited an Episcopal Negro woman local resident to join but she didn't care to come to that church as she was going to another. The Baptists have put up a new church near Fort Ustis in Virginia. The camp has white and Negro soldiers and the church is wide open to both, and is also in good standing with the Virginia Baptist Association and with the Southern Baptist Convention. I could name you any number of local Catholic Churches which have Negro members. I think some Presbyterian ones too (Southern), etc. Nobody has ever collected these little scraps but all in all they would add up to 20 or 30 churches I should think.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Sent under separate cover:
"How Prejudice Lost at the Polls"
"Church & Conscience in the South"
"Christian Conscience in the South"

July 28, 1954

Miss Josephine C. Norwood
Associate Secretary
Woman's Missionary Association of
Virginia
Box 625, 1 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Miss Norwood:

Here's an even better one than Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts, which the Woman's Missionary Association of Virginia very kindly got 50 of a year ago. This one compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report called The Negro and the Schools; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court decision; tells things to do; and carries a map showing population ratio by counties.

It goes for $15.00 a hundred and if fifty would be enough for the WMA, they would be at $7.50 plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 29, 1954

Reverend Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

I think the Virginia Council of Churches will want this new one. Really a honey! $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 29, 1954

Mr. H. H. Barnette
Southern Baptist Theoligical Seminary
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Barnette:

When about a year ago we put out Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts, you were kind enough to get a goodly number for use at the Seminary and otherwise. Here is another -- fresh and helpful.

It reviews the main conclusions of the Ashmore Report; carries the Supreme Court decision in toto; and tells things to do. Additionally, there is a most helpful -- though in this edition ill printed -- map. I do hope you will want some of this. It goes at $15.00 a hundred and we could send you fifty for $7.50 plus postage.

I was in Louisville last week and sought, in the library, for a potrait of my grandfather. Said the first young lady I asked, "Try public relations," but we found a potrait and photographs galore!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 29, 1954

Mr. G. K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council of New
York, Inc.
20 Vesey Street
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Hunton:

Here's a new one and a honey. I won't go through the rigmarole of describing its contents to you. The Q and A one the Catholic Interracial Council got 40 of. We could send you 40 again at the quantity rate of $15.00 per hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

July 29, 1954

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S. A.
Division of Christian Life and Work
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

Here's our new pamphlet. It quickly re-states the main findings of the Ashmore Report; reprints the Supreme Court decision; and gives things that people in the South can do toward implementation.

I do hope that you will like it and that the National Council will get a good big block of them. They go at $15.00 a hundred plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 29, 1954

Miss Beth Macklin
Tulsa Council of Churches
17 West Tenth Street
Tulsa 14, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Macklin:

About this time last year, when we put out *Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts*, the Tulsa Council of Churches, through you, ordered one hundred copies. Here's a new one. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; tells things to do; and carries a map which will be particularly valuable in Oklahoma.

They go for $15.00 a hundred. I do hope the Council of Churches will want some.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 29, 1954

Dr. A. C. Miller
Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
Room 414
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Here's our newest pamphlet. Reminiscent of last year's Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts, but entirely new. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report, called The Negro And the Schools; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court decision with the footnotes; suggests workable things to do; and then prints an invaluable map showing distribution of the white and Negro population by counties.

I do hope you will go through it with care and decide whether the Christian Life Commission can get a goodly supply of it. It goes for $15.00 a hundred.

You and Mrs. Miller were exceedingly kind to come over to the Institute the other evening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 29, 1954

Dictated July 28

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Beekman Tower Hotel
New York City

Dear Josephine:

We sent the original of this to Athens and suppose it did not reach you. We are going through with changes in space arrangements and would appreciate word as to what to do about the files. I really doubt if we would have to rent an extra room were it not for your files, so if you can find a better disposition that would be best all around. But we will be flexible and can keep your files for some weeks yet, one place or another. And if need be, the extra space could be rented.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 29, 1954

Dictated July 28

Miss Arpie E. Shelton
58 West Eighth Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Shelton:

We are thin on jobs that would suit in this central office of the Southern Regional Council. Most of what resources we have have got to go into strengthening twelve about-to-be-established state organizations in race relations. Virginia will be one of them. Each state will have one, or maybe two, professional people in this field. The job pays around $5,000.

If you would like to get your name in the pot for working with the group in Virginia, I suggest you write to Mr. Emerson Smith, Director, Christian Social Relations, Virginia Council of Churches, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond 20, Virginia. The group he works for is not affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, but they are our near friends, and whatever we do in Virginia will be done in close cooperation with Emerson Smith and his Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 30, 1954

Mr. C. H. Hamlin
Department of Social Science
Atlantic Christian College
Wilson, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

We are very sorry that we cannot let you have the June-July issue of NEW SOUTH, Answers for Action -- Schools in the South for 10¢. In quantities of 50 the price would be $7.50, plus postage of 73¢.

We are, however, sending two complimentary copies to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
for
Dr. Mitchell

July 30, 1954

Mr. W. W. Law
2009 Florence Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Law:

That's fine -- Sunday afternoon, August 15th. I will be there.

I hope you will like our new pamphlet, too.

They put me on the Executive Committee of the Atlanta NAACP since that edition of Who's Who was written.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/a
Pamphlet sent under
separate cover.

August 2, 1954

The Right Reverend Alfred C. Cole
Trinity Parish House
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Bishop Cole:

Here's a pamphlet newly done on the whole business of the Supreme Court and the schools. It compresses the findings of the Ashmore report, called "The Negro and the Schools," gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; suggests workable things to do; and gives (I regret in dimmish inks) a map showing population ratio county by county.

I am sure it would be invaluable to the people in the Diocesan Departments of Christian Social Relations throughout the Province, who will be giving study to the whole problem.

I will write something about the pamphlet and send a copy to each of the Bishops in all of the South, but only a scattered one here and there will get some in. Is there some device by which the Provincial Department could get copies of it out to appropriate people?

It goes at $15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/esb
Encl.

August 2, 1954

Right Reverend E. P. Dandridge, D.D.
900 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bishop Dandridge:

Here's an excellent new pamphlet on the whole matter of the schools and the courts. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; tells things to do; and gives a most helpful map.

They go at about $15.00 a hundred plus postage.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 2, 1954

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Islesford,
Maine

Dear Marshall:

I emphatically think Cincinnati would be an excellent place for Summer workshops on the problem of integration. I think it is altogether possible that the NCCJ will have a small sum in the near future to enable them to assist with workshops of this kind.

You might explore that. But it would be best if the teachers colleges just did it on their own.

One of the things to be cared for is the matter of interstate exchange of competent Negro teachers from Southern communities, who will here and there be out of jobs. Under present circumstances, they will be thrown on to the mercies of their own state superintendents. If even a goodish trickle could be offered jobs north of the Line, that does a little for morale; educates the Northern communities; and will cause Southern school officials to think twice: "We have got thirty-thousand dollars tied up in Mrs. Velscola Jackson, and she is working North of the river. Wouldn't it be wise for us to use her in this State?"

Incidentally, the week Spencer Shank is going to be here, is the time when I have got to be in Charlottesville, Virginia. But let him come by and talk with Harold Fleming or Grace Hamilton of this office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1954

Mrs. John G. Lee
League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1026 Seventeenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Nice of you to write. I greatly enjoyed the meeting.

I have written Mrs. Pauley and have asked her to help me get your League in the South interested in some copies of Answers for Action.

Your people can be extremely helpful in the whole matter. You are quite right that they are not going out for the spectacular, but quietly they can do a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - 2 copies Answers for Action

August 2, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

We have got to do some shoving around in our space to get more working room. I wonder if the library at Atlanta University would accept the files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. They cover a period from 1919 to 1943. They occupy twenty-eight transfer files. It may be that by the time we get it all together, the odds and ends would add the equivalent of another two transfer files. For our part, we would like to have an agreement with the library somewhat as follows:

> "The files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation shall be accessible to the staff personnel of the Southern Regional Council at times not inconvenient to the library.
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> They shall be accessible to staff personnel of the library for any purpose of cataloging or normal library care, and for the purpose of answering inquiries from persons who might wish to consult the files. But any extended research requiring the use of the files would be facilitated by the library only after receipt of written authorization on behalf of the Southern Regional Council for the research proposal in question."

This understanding would run for the life of the Southern Regional Council or any legitimate successor agency. And, thereafter, the files would be in the custody of the library without any limitations.

The Southern Regional Council is lawful successor to the property and files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and has, therefore, a duty to keep a continuing relationship with them. But as a matter of practice we most rarely consult these files and would be appreciative if they could go into your custody. From a long range point of view, they are of very considerable historic importance. We should be particularly glad to see them housed with you under fireproof conditions -- a facility which we, alas, are not able to provide here.

The files contain the correspondence of the various staff persons affiliated with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation from the beginning; reports on the long series of conferences on many subjects relating to Southern development; accounts and audits; and much material that is descriptive of Southern life and Southern movements during the period of the Interracial Commission.

Ed Burrows, now at Guilford College, has lately been through the file material in his task of writing a Ph.D. dissertation on the history of the Interracial Commission. I suspect that for some years to come the principal, though infrequent, use of the files would be for and by graduate students. I feel satisfied that proposals in the future for research involving the files by students at Atlanta University would be likely to have the approval of the Southern Regional Council.

If you will let me know whether this proposal or some modification would be acceptable, the Council would be happy to arrange the transport of the files to the library.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/esb

cc: Dr. L. D. Reddick

August 2, 1954

Reverend Lewis Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
Department of Social Welfare
Missions Building
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Here's a new honey! Compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court's decision; tells things to do;and gives a most helpful, though in this edition not too well printed, map.

Eleven hundred of them is a heap, but we would be delighted if you would get in some of this one. They go at about $15.00 a hundred plus postage.

I have had a telephone call or two from Sam Freeman who, to his surprise, found Low-Country South Carolina more amenable than Eastern North Carolina. He must be a mighty fine fellow. We are all grateful to you and to his Church for lending him to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Copy to: Mr. Maurice Weston

August 2, 1954

Mrs. M. S. Webb
Associate Secretary
The National Council of the
Protestant Episcopal Church
Department of Christian Social Relations
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Webb:

Last year when about this time the Council brought out Questions and Answers: The Schools and The Courts, the Department of Christian Social Relations very kindly bought 200 of them. This one we think is even better. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report, called "The Negro and the Schools," gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision with the important footnotes; suggests workable things to do; and gives an invaluable map showing population ratio couty by county. It goes at $15.00 a hundred.

I do greatly hope that the Department will get in a hundred or two and send them out to appropriate people.

The Department's people for the Province of Sewanee, meeting here in Atlanta a few weeks ago under Bishop Cole, instructed each Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations to make up its mind where it stands on these matters before the meeting of the Synod this Fall. This pamphlet can be particularly helpful on the problem not only in this Province, but elsewhere. And it isn't bad material for Christians any where.

I do greatly hope that you will like it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 2, 1954

Mr. Maurice Weston
The National Council of the
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

Enclosed is what I wrote Mrs. Webb. The pamphlet is really a most useful job, and I think the Church would be missing a bet if it didn't use it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb
Encls - 2 copies of Answers for Action
Copy of ltr to Mrs. M. S. Webb

August 2, 1954

The Right Reverend Randolph Claiborne
2744 Peachtree Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Claiborne:

Last year at about this time our Council published Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts. You were so kind, on, I believe, Mrs. [illegible]'s suggestion, as to get in forty-five copies for distribution to people in Christian Social Relations in Churches in the Diocese.

Here's a new one which we think is even better. It compresses the findings of the Ashmore Report on "The Negro and the Schools"; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision with instructive footnotes; suggests things to do; and gives an invaluable map showing the population ratio county by county.

It goes for $15.00 a hundred and half a hundred or a few less at the same rate.

I warmly hope that you will find it worth getting out to the right people.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb
Encl.

[illegible]

August 4, 1954

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I am glad you are going to get Kenneth Clark's materials into print. He has a most valuable contribution to make to the thinking of this area.

Unfortunately, our resources, though they look large in the lump, are minutely budgeted out to help the twelve fledgling state organizations. We couldn't reach anywhere near to 500 copies at $1.50 each. Though goodness knows the price is reasonable. Fifteen copies I could properly buy and get out to my head state people. And I would be quite willing to pay more than the $1.50 with so small an order.

If, on publication, you can send me a leaflet about the book, I could undertake to get circulation of the leaflet to, perhaps, 3,000 people in the South, some of whom will buy the book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 4, 1954

Dear Dick:

About the best I can send you is a book called *America's Tenth Man*, which has been widely used in the schools. It is a little elderly now, not having been revised for about five years. But it is simple and straight.

Sorry to say that the map business is not in print.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Mr. Dick Locke
L. T. College
S. S. Workshop
Lyndon Center, Vermont

August 4, 1954

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Director
Department of Research and Education
of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear James:

We had a grand time at Lexington and wouldn't take anything for the chance to be with you and all the good folks there. Keep me on the books for next year and I will turn up!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 4, 1954

Mr. Gibson Gray
2041 Zarker Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gray:

Harold Fleming asked me to answer your letter of July 29.

Your work thus far is interesting, and more to come I am sure.

We are skimpy on jobs here, but the Texas Commission on Race Relations, through Mrs. James S. Crute, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, may be looking for somebody to be secretary of it when it is enlarged, beginning October 1. Job pays, I believe, $5,000 the first year and $5,500 the second and third. They have to raise two, three, or four thousand dollars in various years, additionally.

If you want a job in Texas, why don't you write Mrs. Crute and see if her group would be interested.

Meanwhile, do come to see us when you get to or through Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - Biographical data

August 4, 1954

Mr. Lambert Davis
The University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Lambert:

Of course. Delighted to send you the names of people who buy Answers for Action in good quantities.

The first two orders are: Georgia State Teachers and Education Association, 201 Ashby Street, N. W., Atlanta; and The Catholic Committee of the South, 512 Ebenezer, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 4, 1954

Mrs. Dennis T. Crew
"Halcyon"
R.F.D. 2
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Crew:

How kind of you to send Gordon Blackwell's speech. And in so good and full an account. I have written Gordon and told him that I thought it was a good job.

Here is Mrs. Tilly's leaflet. I send you a couple of copies. It is a popular and useful job.

I get a week in Charlottesville, August 29-September 5, at a Southeastern A. F. of L. Labor School. I intend to bring Alice along with me.

If you are to be in town, it will be a pleasure to see you.

Sincerely, Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 4, 1954

Dr. Gordon Blackwell
Institute of Social Sciences
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

Somebody in Charlottesville sent me your good speech there for the Virginia Teachers.

I liked it very much, and I am glad you did it and said the things you did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 4, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

How kind it was of you and your Institute of Race Relations to send the check for $60.92. You paid me back handsomely for the travel, and usefully assisted the Southern Regional Council.

I will hope some Summer will come up soon when I can stay at the Institute for days and days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

August 4, 1954

Mr. Arthur A. Elder
International Ladies' Garment
Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Art:

Very many thanks for your letter and the two checks. Here's a receipt for your kind contribution.

The best price we could make you on Answers for Action is at a rate of $15.00 a hundred. We have shipped you seventy-five copies. ILG's check for $10.00 you sent. That leaves a balance of $2.44 (including postage).

I will be ready to do anything I can about the National Council for Rural Schools. October in Michigan, okay, I hope, if we can match up on the dates. And when you know about the new group of students after February 18, tell me when you want me up there and I would love to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.
75 copies of Answers for Action
under separate cover this date.

August 4, 1954

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

Unfortunately, at the time of the visit of Mr. Lefevre and his associate, Mr. Gianturco, I have got to be at Charlottesville, Virginia.

But, again, Mr. Fleming or Mrs. Hamilton in this office I am sure will be glad to be helpful to them.

We had a notable visit from Michael Stewart and greatly enjoyed him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 4, 1954

Dr. H. Councill Trenholm
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Trenholm:

Most kind of you to send over $16.65 for sales of the pamphlet, and to make arrangements for many more of the copies to be sold.

I think the pamphlet is going to be popular, and I am deeply grateful to you for the very substantial assist that the meeting and your special kindness gave to it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb

Copy to: Katherine Stoney

August 4, 1954

Dr. H. Councill Trenholm
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Trenholm:

How very kind that was of the ATA to send the check for $50.00. I figured my actual expenses at $35.00, and put the remaining $15.00 in as a gift to the Southern Regional Council.

I thought the meeting was a great occasion and was impressed by the spirit and purpose of the gathering.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 4, 1954

Dr. Edward K. Weaver
School of Education
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Weaver:

Though it is with some difficulty that I find, in our depleted files, a single remaining copy of the report of the Williamsburg Conference, I gladly sent it to you. It is not a public documents and no part of it should be used in print in any way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 5, 1954

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I will watch out for *Common Sense* hereabouts. The citizens of Georgia suffer from the Linder line, and at public expense because he prints his stuff in a publicly supported journal called the *Market Bulletin*.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb

August 5, 1954

Mr. James M. Forkins
Office of Law Development
Loyola University
School of Law
41 East Pearson Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Forkins:

All straight about the meeting, and about the television program for 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 13. I am planning to talk Eastern Air Lines flight 106, leaving Atlanta 6:30 p.m., August 12, and arriving Chicago airport at 9:00 p.m. No earthly need for anyone to meet me. I will go right on into the Palmer House and claim the reservations which, I believe, you have made.

I will be leaving Chicago on Flight 101 at 10:15 the morning of August 14. I can undertake to be at Loyola by 9:00 a.m. August 13, and should be at your service on that day and evening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 5, 1954

Mr. Robert Menafee
c/o General Delivery
Marion, Virginia

Dear Mr. Menafee:

We all enjoyed your July 31 report. You are doing exactly what we hoped for. I doubt if you know how large will be the impact of these interviews. In these little towns the ideas you put in and threw out will spread and come to focus for months and years to come.

We appreciate the list of names, and we will cultivate those who seem likely.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

This letter sent to Bishops on the attached list.

August 5, 1954

The Right Reverend Theodore N. Barth
692 Poplar
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Bishop Barth:

Here's an excellent new pamphlet on the whole matter of the schools and the courts. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; tells things to do; and gives a most helpful map.

We think it could be extremely helpful to people in the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations who will have a particular concern about this subject.

The National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches aids our Southern Regional Council quite substantially each year, and we feel a particularly close relationship to the Church's work in this field.

The booklet goes at $15.00 a hundred.

I do hope that you will find it helpful and that it may be possible for your Diocese to lay in a supply to be sent out to appropriate people.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 5, 1954

Miss Mary Louise Finney
Community Relations Secretary
Association for World Travel Exchange
1790 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Finney:

Thank you for your letter of August 3, concerning the visit of eight foreign students and two American leaders to Atlanta during August.

I have checked Dr. Mitchell's calendar and he will be in the office on Monday, August 16th. Dr. Mitchell is out of the city at present, but I am putting a note on his desk that the students will be in this office at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

August 5, 1954

AIR MAIL

Mr. Paul B. Wilson
300 Hart Building
Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I think it probable that the job I have held open is about to be filled, but I am so impressed with your background and experience that I would like to talk with you anyway.

We could pay your travel to come down to North Carolina at some date between August 7 and 11, where we could talk.

I will be at a conference held by the Presbyterian Church at Montreat, which is a mile or two from Black Mountain, North Carolina. You could fly into Asheville or reach Black Mountain by the Southern railroad up to Salisbury, North Carolina.

I will be there from tonight until the morning of August 11. Best day should be Sunday, August 8th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 9, 1954

Dear Mrs. Pauley:

Do you suppose I might write to some head person in each Southern state League and suggest that they, or certain of their branches, stock in a supply of the pamphlet *Answers for Action* which I passed out at the meeting last week in Atlanta?

If you think it all right, do let me have names. I will be glad to write each lady. Or, if you would prefer to send each of them a copy, let me know and I will supply them to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Mrs. Frances Pauley
League of Women Voters
78 Marietta, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

cc: Rabbi Jacob Rothchild
The Temple
1589 Peachtree Road, N.W.
City

August 9, 1954

Mr. Meyer Passow
Synagogue Council of America
110 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Passow:

May I claim your thoughts for a few minutes on this pamphlet?

It is a sober, careful effort to get facts rather than emotion into the present controversy about complying with the decision of the Supreme Court. It compresses into a few pages the main conclusions of the great report that Harry Ashmore did for the Fund for Adult Education, called *The Negro and the Schools*; it reprints the whole of the decision of the Supreme Court and its footnotes; it gives a number of workable things for people now to do; and it carries at the back a map showing the population ratio by counties, which is the readiest key to the degree of difficulty likely to be encountered area by area within the South in the process of desegregation of the schools.

We have framed it, intending that it be used mainly by local discussion groups. I have written about the booklet to the appropriate Boards in all of the leading denominations. Most of them made effective use of a not entirely dissimilar pamphlet we got out last year, called *Questions and Answers: the Schools and the Courts*, and I expect that this one will be more popular than that one.

Will you be so good as to consider closely the best method of getting it into use within the components of the Synagogue Council of America? The *Questions and Answers* one, typically, was sent by the Methodist Church to each of their district superintendents in the Southern states; the Southern Presbyterians sent it to each of their nearly 4,000 members; the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention got 250 copies; etc. etc., denomination after denomination.

I would hope for some such circulation within Jewish congregations. Perhaps only, or mainly, in the Southern (though goodness knows circulation elsewhere would assist public understanding of the whole matter) states.

Our Council would be praised by many of your acquaintences. I think of John Slawson, or Oscar Cohen. Incidentally, I write at the suggestion of Rabbi Jacob M. Rothchild here in the city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mr. Ambrose Caliver
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Caliver:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of August 4.

We are sending you, under separate cover, 15 copies of *Answers for Action*. We are trying to encourage purchase of the pamphlet in quantity lots by organizations like ATA and other teacher organizations and community groups who are able to encourage consideration of the question.

They are available at $15.00 per hundred, and we hope very much that the ATA and the other groups for whom you are preparing the packets may be able to buy at least 100 copies. We will be grateful for whatever you can do to encourage its use.

With all good wishes,

Yours truly,

(Mrs) Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/esb

August 9, 1954

Bishop S. L. Greene
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Greene:

Here's another and a honey! It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court decision; suggests things to be done in the South; and gives an instructive map of population ratio.

You were kind enough to get and send out 50 copies of the one we did last year called Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts.

I think you will find this one even better and I do hope you will get some of it. It goes for $7.50 for 50 copies, and $15.00 a hundred, plus postage.

If you will let me know, I will be glad to bring some over to the college and save the postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P. S. Will you let me know of names of appropriate persons in the A.M.E. Church to whom I should write.

August 9, 1954

Mr. George Guernsey
C.I.O.
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Do you suppose I can get your busy eyes for four consecutive minutes on this new pamphlet?

It covers, in a few pages, the substance of what is in Harry Ashmore's great report on the *Negro and the Schools*; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision with the squabble about footnotes; and recommends things for people in Southern communities to be busy about. Also, the map in the back is most instructive. It is a discussion group document, and ought to go over well with your people.

The 1700 that was ordered of *Questions and Answers* last year was a mighty boost to our pride and our purse. This one, I admit, costs $15.00 a hundred but I do hope you will want a lot of them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mr. John D. Connors, Director
Workers Education Bureau
1525 "H" Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

I had a good time with your people in Kentucky. I thought perhaps the tension was a little greater this year on my subject than last. After all the issue is nearer. But people were courteous and only two or three showed real dislike of the views I put forth.

I write to show you a new publication. I do hope you will list it in the *Bulletin* and maybe you will want to get in a stack to send out to key people. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; suggests things to be done in the South; and gives an instructive map of population ratio, county by county.

It is a workable discussion group document, carefully calculated not to get more than a few people angry, and yet to get the main facts and proposals out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mrs. H. R. Kennedy
Little Switzerland Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

Last year when we did *Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts*, you very kindly got in 40 copies.

This one is really a pretty job. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; suggests things to be done in the South; and gives an instructive map of population ratio.

The booklet tries to be reasonable, and its recommendations are workable.

It goes at $15.00 a hundred, $.15 apiece in any reasonable quantity. I do hope that after you have gone through this, you will think it worthy of getting out to your friends again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mr. Gaston Boyle, Jr.
Johns Island
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Boyle:

Last year when we did *Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts*, you very kindly got in 45 copies.

This one is really a pretty job. It compresses the findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; suggests things to be done in the South; and gives an instructive map of population ratio.

The booklet tries to be reasonable, and its recommendations are workable.

It goes at $15.00 a hundred, $.15 apiece in any reasonable quantity. I do hope that after you have gone through this, you will think it worthy of getting out to your friends again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mr. J. Marvin Rast
Methodist Board of Education
South Carolina Conference
1420 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Rast:

We were all greatly pleased with the use by the Board of Education of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church bought 400 copies of Questions and Answers: The Schools and The Courts last year.

This one, we think, is even better. It compresses the findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; suggests things to be done in the South; and gives an instructive map of population ratio.

The booklet tries to be reasonable, and its recommendations are workable.

I do hope that your Board will want some of this one. It goes at $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mrs. J. A. Burt, Jr.
Clarksdale,
Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Burt:

Last year when we got out Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts you were kind enough to get in 400 copies.

This new one is better still. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; gives workable things to do; and prints a map, in colors, of the population ratio by counties.

I do hope you will like it and will want to send for some. It goes at $15.00 a hundred plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma Stevens:

This new one is pretty good. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; reprints the whold of the Supreme Court decision; recommends workable things to do; and gives, in color, the population map by counties.

Do you think the Woman's Division of Christian Service could get in a goodish supply and send them out? It goes for $15.00 a hundred.

It is your particular local people who can do the most good on this whole matter, and we earnestly hope that you can find a way to get it around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mr. John Q. Schisler
The General Board of Education
The Methodist Church
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

We all rejoiced in your decision last year to send out copies of Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts to District Superintendents in Southern states. Now, here comes the new one even better. It compresses the findings of the Ashmore report; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court decision, with the controversial footnotes; recommends workable things to do; and gives, in color, the population map by counties.

We contrived it, again, to serve best for use by local discussion groups. It is reasonable, but forthright too.

I do hope you will see whether the Board can send this one out also.

I am writing similarly to nearly all the denominations, and we would feel that we had failed with it unless the Methodist Church cared to use it appropriately.

It goes for $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Mr. Walter P. Offutt, Jr.
Church Secretary
NAACP
20 West Fortieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Offutt:

You very kindly told me at Dallas that you might be able to get Reverend Jackson to move. Will you try this time?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.:
cc: ltr to Reverend J. H. Jackson
copy of Answers for Action

August 9, 1954

Reverend J. H. Jackson
National Baptist Convention, Inc.
30 First Street and South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Reverend Jackson:

Last year I tried very hard to get your interest in sending out to local churches copies of the booklet which we called *Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts*.

This year we have done another which is even better. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report, called *The Negro and the Schools*; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court decision; suggests things to be done in the South; and gives an instructive map of population ratio.

We think it is bold enough and reasonable enough. I do greatly hope you will like it and will find some way to get some in for broad distribution within the National Baptist Convention. Local people could give invaluable aid by arranging, wherever possible, local interracial discussion groups on this whole matter. It is just these first little logs across the creeks which will be the basis for understanding and implementation in local communities.

Chicago seems a long way off, and I don't know how to convey to you the urgency and the importance of the request that you do get the booklet used within the Church. But it is really a matter of moment.

It goes at $15.00 a hundred plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Walter Offutt

August 9, 1954

Reverend Harold C. Letts
Board of Social Missions of the
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue at Thirty-Seventh St.
New York 16, New York

Dear Reverend Letts:

We still remember with appreciation the order last year for 750 copies of *Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts*.

We have done another one this year, which we think is even better. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; reprints the Supreme Court decision; suggests workable things to do; and gives a population map.

I do greatly hope that your Board will get in some of these. It is, again, a reasonable and workable set of suggestions.

They go for $15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
104 "C" Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Osborne:

How about this new one! Could you scrape up enough for 250 copies of it too? Or have you got Washington so near settled that you don't need anything else?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

The Commission on Christian Social
Action
Evangelical and Reformed Church
2969 West Twenty-Fifth Street
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I do hope that the Commission will want some of the new SRC pamphlet. You got in a goodish stack of last year's one called Questions and Answers.

This one compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision, with the footnotes; recommends things to do; and gives a map of population ratio, county by county.

It goes at $15.00 a hundred plus carriage. We covet for it circulation in your local Churches and to hope you will be concerned to help with that. I think Zwingli, himself, would have approved the spirit of this pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Reverend W. Russell Daniel
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 742
Rome, Georgia

Dear Reverend Daniel:

When we did Questions and Answers you very kindly got seventy-five of them. Here's another and a better one which compresses the findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision, with the footnotes; recommends things to do; and gives a map of population ratio, county by county.

I do hope you will want some of these. It goes at $15.00 a hundred plus postage, and the same price for slightly lesser numbers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 9, 1954

Reverend Stephen B. Mackey
104 Lime Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Mackey:

When we did *Questions and Answers* you very kindly got a hundred of them. Here's another and a better one which compresses the findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision, with the footnotes; recommends things to do; and gives a map of population ratio, county by county.

I do hope you will want some of these. It goes at $15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Lester B. Granger
Executive Director
National Urban League
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

Dear Lester:

Can you figure some way to help us get this into local use? It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; prints the whole Supreme Court decision; tells things to do now; and gives an instructive map.

The next stage in the whole business is clearly to reach local public opinion. Could the Urban League get enough to send one to each local Urban Leagues and/or Board members? It is really a good and careful job; forthright but not squabbly.

Sells at $15.00 a hundred.

I dearly want the aid of the Urban League, and any little branches in the South, in getting it out, and it would hurt nobody North of the Line.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

You were in on all the cuttings up of this one. Can ADL, either your local office or out of New York, use a stack? It goes at $15.00 a hundred.

You will recall that it squeezes together much of what is in the Ashmore report; gives the whole Decision; tells things to do; and prints the famous map. Few praises to the printer for his choice of colors on this edition, but in the course of time when the first 20,000 have been exhausted, we will fit the colors in more effectively.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Riley Bl Montgomery
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

This new publication from SRC can be quite useful in this next period in the South. The pamphlet compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; reprints the whole Decision; tells workable things to be doing now; and carries an instructive map.

May I rely on you for advice as to how to get it known and bought in goodly stacks within the Christian Church?

It costs $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Galen Weaver
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weaver:

This new one is a honey. Squeezes the juice out of the Ashmore report and prints it in a few pages; gives the whole of the Court's decision; tells workable things to be done now; and has an instructive map.

Costs $15.00 a hundred plus postage. Won't you put on your thinking cap and figure out some way to get it distributed in the Congregational Church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

This little booklet ought to be gotten out in A.M.E. Zion circles. I have written letters on earlier pamphlets to bishops and asked them to get them out until I am blue in the face.

Do you think you could write to someone appropriate who would act? They go at $15.00 a hundred. I have written to almost every denominational group anybody could ever think of and urged them to get it out. And most of them respond well.

I would like the A.M.E. Zion Church to make use of this one. The next stage in this matter is one of reaching local public opinion, and the churches can get this done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Bishop J. W. E. Bowen
250 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Bowen:

This is one which I think could be very helpful to the people in your area. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; tells workable things to do now; and gives an instructive map.

It goes at $15.00 a hundred.

I have written to many people urging them to buy copies for distribution. But it ought to have distribution to many local churches. The truth is that the next stage in all these matters is one of reaching public opinion, and of reaching it in local communities. You could help greatly on that if you could get two or three hundred and mail them out to local Church groups.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Bishop W. Y. Bell
South Boston,
Virginia

Dear Bishop Bell:

Can you take time to look through this one? It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Decision; tells workable things to do now; and gives an instructive map.

$15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

I do greatly hope that your area in the C.M.E. Church will want a goodly stack and will write us so. It does my soul good when you get these out to your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Samuel Speigler
NAIRO Reporter
P. O. Box 163
Cathedral Station
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Speigler:

This one we hope will be listed in the Reporter. For price, $.20 apiece, $15.00 a hundred.

Observe that it compresses the findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision, with the footnotes; tells things to do now; and carries an instructive map. It is a bargain at any price.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. William H. Gremley
Kansas City Commission on Human Relations
City Hall, 25th Floor
Kansas City 6E, Missouri

Dear Mr. Gremley:

You will like this new pamphlet. It is better than last year's Questions and Answers, which you thought was worth buying a hundred copies of.

It compresses the Ashmore report; gives the whole Supreme Court decision, with the footnotes; tells things to do; and gives an instructive map.

I do hope you will like it and will want some.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Elmer Henderson
American Council on Human Rights
1130 Sixth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Every now and then when we got out a good one I write you and ask you to get it to your people. This one is a honey!

It compresses the Ashmore report; gives the whole Supreme Court decision, with the footnotes; tells things to do; and give an instructive map.

Again, it is your people in local communities who can help mightily to build the needed cooperating public opinion in the South.

Though the budget creaks and screams, do see if you can't twist it a little and get in 100, 200, 300, to go out. It costs $15.00 a hundred. But I promise you it is worth it.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

August 10, 1954

Louis
Mrs. ~~Clyde~~ Jaffe
Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation
~~2545 Cottage Toll Road~~ 7440 Pinecrest Lane
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jaffe:

Here are three copies of a new pamphlet.

Will you, through your people in the WCIC, work and see if they would get some in? It really ought to reach each of your members.

It puts together the juice of what is in Ashmore's report; gives the whole Supreme Court decision; tells things that are workable for us hereabouts to do; and gives an instructive map.

The Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation got a hundred of last year's Questions and Answers, and I hope you can do that well again. This one costs $15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 10, 1954

Mrs. Anita W. Robinson
1925 Madison
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Last year when we did *Questions and Answers* you very kindly got in 400 copies. Will you look through this one and see if you think it is as good? We think it is.

Puts together, quickie style, the best of the Ashmore report; reprints the whole decision; gives perfectly workably things to do; and gives a map which shows Kentucky, in particular, what an easy job it has.

This one costs $15.00 a hundred plus carriage. I don't know whether you can stand last year's 400 copies or not, but it really is a good thing for local use, and I hope you will stretch to get it into your program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mrs. William Thomas Mason
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

Thank you for your letter of August 4th to Dr. Mitchell. We have read with interest the proposal of the National Council of Negro Women for work in local communities in the interest of implementation of the Supreme Court's decision on public schools. There will be many opportunities in the months ahead for cooperation between members of the National Council of Negro Women and members of state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

As you may know, the grant to the Council from the Ford Fund for the Republic in very large part was to make possible the equipment of our state units with professional staff. The central office is to be primarily concerned with coordinating the work of the state units, and with supplying information, and publication of materials which would be helpful to all groups working on our common concerns.

We have sent you, under separate cover, a copy of Answers for Action (another copy enclosed), designed for use by groups interested in helping to create a climate of opinion for implementation of the Court's decision. This pamphlet is available at a price of $15.00 per hundred copies. We will appreciate your efforts to help promote its use with groups with which you have contacts.

We regret that we are not in a position to "loan" staff, nor to contribute financially to the National Council of Negro Women. We hope, however, that you will urge your membership to work with the program of Council unites whever possible. If Dr. Mitchell, who is out of the office for the next several weeks, can give you suggestions about other approaches to the Ford Foundation, I am sure he will write to you.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/eab

August 10, 1954

Mr. Henry Toy
National Citizens Commission for
the Public Schools
Two West Forty-Fifth Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Toy:

I do hope you will like this new pamphlet and will get in a stack for distribution to local school officials. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision, with the footnotes; recommends workable things to do; and gives an instructive map at the back.

The next phase of this whole problem is one of reaching public opinion. It could be exceedingly useful for local discussion groups, and I covet help from you in reaching community people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. L. E. Neece
Kentucky School Boards Association
College of Education
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Neece:

Last year when we got out Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts you very kindly took 235 copies for distribution to your people. We have followed that one up now with this.

It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Decision; tells workable things to do; and has a most instructive map in the back.

I do hope you will like it and will think it worthy of being sent out. It costs $15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

We all count on Kentucky to lead the way. I think you would find this pamphlet helpful for local use.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Dr. E. C. Peters
President
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Peters:

This one is a honey! Says what is in the Ashmore report, and says it in about four pages (!); gives the wholeddecision; tells workable things to do; and gives an instructive map.

You very kindly got in 40 copies of last year's Questions and Answers. Here comes the answers. Could we sell you 40 copies at $.15 apiece? Maybe even more copies than 40?

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Roy Wilkins
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Roy:

Last year when we got out Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts, Mr. Charles McLean, for the NAACP, very kindly stocked in fifty copies.

Here's a new pamphlet now which we think is better. It puts together in brief form the main findings of the Ashmore report; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court decision; tells people things they can start doing; and gives an instructive map at the end.

If widely used, it can be really helpful in building a constructive Southern public opinion.

I am doing my best to get it out through Church and organizational channels, and I think we will succeed.

Do you think the NAACP could afford a stack to be mailed around? Your people could get local interracial discussion groups going on the basis of the pamphlet. It goes at $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Miss Lillian Cohen
National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

Can a busy lady stop for minutes enough to look through this new pamphlet with some care?

Puts together in a few pages the juice of what is in the Ashmore report; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision; says things to do; and gives an instructive map.

I greatly covet for it wide distribution through the NCCJ channels.

It is intended for local discussion group use, and your people could make a real dent with its ideas.

It goes for $15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

Do please read it and take it up in staff conferences and see what will be said.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 10, 1954

Mr. Seymour Samet
American Jewish Committee
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Samet:

How about this new one? We think it is a honey. Squeezes together most of what is in the Ashmore report; gives the Decision; says what to do; and prints a map.

We did our best to make it instructive and not squabbly.

Do you think that your Southeastern Area office could afford a stack. It costs $15.00 a hundred plus postage. I would be mighty pleased if you could get some out to your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 13, 1954

Mr. Spencer Shank
Dean
Summer School
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Dean Shank:

All straight about meeting you at the Biltmore Hotel late Sunday afternoon or Sunday evening, September 5.

Suppose we set 5:00 p.m. now as the time, and I will shopw up at your room then unless you otherwise propose by telephone to me. My home telephone is Dearborn 5961.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. Emory O. Jackson
The Birmingham World
312 North 17th Street
Birmingham 1, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Kind of you to send over what the man Graves had to say. A pity about that man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Dear Miss Pritchett:

We do thank you for the dollar and for your nice letter. Singers in the Dawn heading your way. Call on us again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. E.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

The pamphlet is a good one, notwithstanding the defects in the map. The truth is we gave the printer a hand-colored model with the color tones built up toward the dark brown for the black belt counties. But Atlanta printers are unfamiliar with color work maps, and without showing us proofs the man ran off 20,000 copies as is, and I didn't have the heart to make him do them all over again. We thought we would just clear it in the next edition. But the next edition is some months away and we ought to move this one. Help us get it out if you can. It teaches the lesson the way it is.

I have no Washington trip on the schedule, but will remember the possibility of being useful in Montgomery County, and will let you know ahead of any trip I make.

September 12-18 at Junaluska is still on my calendar, and I will be there. It is awkward when I am so much needed in the office, but nothing gets things further along than reaching your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. W. W. Law
2009 Florence Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Law:

I greatly enjoyed the meeting, and appreciate the opportunity to talk to so many useful Savannah citizens. And it was kind of you to make use of copies of *Answers for Action*. I am sure they will be found useful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

If Random House would put out a $.25 edition of *Brothers on the Color Front,* the Southern Regional Council would buy twenty-five and would encourage its purchase by the twelve Southern state outfits affiliated with SRC by the time it might come out. Other organizations which might buy in decent quantities are the National Council of Christians and Jews, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the American Jewish Committee.

I believe that if you dickered with the NAACP you might find some channels through which they could encourage their local branches to buy a hundred or two per branch.

You might deal, also, with Mr. H. Councill Trenholm at Alabama State College in Montgomery. He is president of the American Teachers Association. Its component state organizations of Negro teachers have money in their treasury and could buy the book in good quantity.

Here are two copies of *Answers for Action.* The map at the back is ill printed in this first run, but if we can sell the first edition of 20,000, we can get out the map in improved form.

Warm regards to you,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

August 17, 1954

Mr. H. D. Wolf
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I asked Margaret Fisher, who is a member of the committee, about Lucy Mason's papers, to write Mrs. Donovan several days ago that Mrs. Donovan had my consent and Margaret Fisher's consent to proceed with her request to work on Lucy's life.

We both thought it was a bit early, but we also thought that Mrs. Donovan would interview people who might not be available for a later effort, and would cause to be preserved various items that would later on disappear. I think, technically, Mrs. Donovan has the duty of obtaining the consent of the other members of the Committee, to all of whom she has written.

I have written all the members other than myself and Miss Fisher and suggested that if they agreed, that they notify Mrs. Donovan that the project has their approval.

We are grateful for your interest, and I am sure that Mrs. Donovan will do a useful job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

The study guide of Garnett's didn't come. I would like to see it.

I read the views of Mr. J. Lindsay Almond with interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. Samuel S. Board
P. O. Box 115
Edgewater, Maryland

Dear Sam:

I have notified the Gold Coast piece to a principal Sociologist at Atlanta University, but I don't expect much result from it because I think the Ford people and Haverford are going to have to contrive some way to give greater invitings to the scheme.

Our Council has some money from the Fund for the Republic and has a lot of work to do for the next three years anyway — and I hope for good. We have a few McCarthyites around here, but I guess that they are everywhere.

I do hope some upcoming occasion will put us together. We deserve convivial opportunity!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Dr. Mozell C. Hill
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hill:

I have a friendship running back many years with one Samuel Board, who is a topmost personnel guy, with a speciality in Qualifications. He wrote me the other day about a proposition to send some young fellows out to the Gold Coast. My friend, Sam Board, is usually exact and has usually only completing inviting jobs. But this time, he has sent me word of a fussy one.

Apparently the Ford Foundation is prepared to pay for travel to the Gold Coast (and I presume back) and to provide subsistence in the Gold Coast, and $400 a year pocket money for several young fellows who, first at their own expense, take nine months training at Haverford (tuition to be paid by them) and then to go out to the Gold Coast to work in community development. Sounds bum because the fellows have got to be single, devoted, and potentially competent. Board and I both knew of one such devoted fellow in the past, who would have fitted. But he wrote me for more such commitments. I don't think there are any, and have so written Board. It seems to be tied up with that Quaker idea of working for the good of the Lord only.

However, I write you and say the thing could be had if somebody comes along.

Sam Board may be reached at P. O. Box 115, Edgewater, Maryland.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. Victor Kotun
2226 North Eighteenth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kotun:

I am sorry you had a tough summer. I didn't see what Jet said, but will hunt it up. You are quite right. This country could do away with a whole lot of guns if it could get the Southern states to behave agreeably on the Supreme Court's decision.

Come to see us if you ever get to Atlanta.

I will be interested in your career. If I get spared for another thirty years, I expect to see you a very important man indeed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb

August 17, 1954

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Here's some dope on a pleasant young fellow who wrote me for a job. I had him come down to Black Mountain, North Carolina, for an interview. I don't have any job at the time in the Central office. But he sounded so tempting that I did want to talk with him. And I think he measured up to expectations.

Undoubtedly Jack Marion would be a better man for the Virginia program, but maybe not a lot better, and this guy would be useful to have as a possibility.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 17, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Wilson
The Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Here's a check for the travel.

I appreciate your coming down, and will let you know when, as, and if, anything turns up in Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Mr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
P. O. Box 578
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

The Council is very grateful for the twenty-five bucks. I would there were a similarly appreciative audience every morning at $25.00 and the Council would be in clover!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb

August 17, 1954

Miss Lillian Cohen
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

Nice of you to order the 100 copies of Answers for Action and making plans for getting it still more widely known to your people.

We all wait eagerly for Miss Grambs' pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 17, 1954

Orig. of this ltr to
all members of Committee

Reverend Matthew Warren
St. Paul School
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Reverend Warren:

I have corresponded back and forth with Mrs. Donovan who wants to do a study of the life of Lucy Mason, and with her professor Mr. H. D. Wolf who is to supervise the work to be done.

Margaret Fisher and I have agreed that the project is all right and have notified our consent to Mrs. Donovan. Her address is: Mrs. Elizabeth Donovan, Box 4580, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Margaret Fisher and I thought that while it was mighty early to be digging into Lucy's past, there was advantage in it also, because Mrs. Donovan would doubtless interview people who wouldn't be available later on and would cause to be preserved items about Lucy's life that might soon disappear.

If you agree that the project is all right, I do wish that you would write Mrs. Donovan (as perhaps you already have) and give her your views.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 18, 1954

Mrs. Elizabeth Donovan
Box 4580
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Donovan:

I talked by telephone this morning with Dr. Minor Blackford, 104 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, who is Lucy's cousin and her guardian. He has recently done a life story of his grandmother and was impressed with the difficulty of obtaining material about her after the lapse of so many years. So, he the more readily agreed whole-heartedly to your proceeding with the study on Lucy Mason.

He is a busy man and probably will not write. But I assure you that this letter from me will accomplish all proper purposes of his permission as a member of the committee about Lucy's papers.

Incidentally, you would probably wish to interview Dr. Blackford at some stage in your study.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Dr. H. D. Wolf

August 18, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Wilson
The Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I appreciate your coming down, and will let you know when, if, and as anything turns up in general.

Here's our check for the sum of your expense account, $163.53.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of travel from State College -- and to a mountain point -- I am a little taken aback by the total cost of the trip. In long years of poverty, this Council accustomed itself to penuriousness. If you think the trip could have been planned and executed in comfort and speed at a lesser figure and should care to send us back the difference, we would be grateful. But we honor the account as is. I think we would feel the arrangement impeccably fair all around if you could find us, say, the $16.53, as a refund of the travel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 18, 1954

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

From Selma F. Monsky's letter I have two persons whom it might well be worth their while to correspond with.

For the Southeast, Mr. Philip S. Ogleby, Public Library, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Young fellow, about 30, trained as a librarian, spent several years as Secretary of the Catholic Committee of the South. Has done a number of religious censuses himself. Quite possibly the sort of fellow who could do a part-time job of this kind and do it well. Approachable with people.

For the Southwest, Reverend Ed Kloppe, Evangelical and Reform Church, Kyle, Texas. This is a young fellow who is a minister in the Evangelical and Reform Church. That is Zwingli's church. They are a good bunch. Kloppe is a ball of energy, and preaching once a week is not using all he has got. I think he has promising ability. Flesh and bone of Texas, but knows about the outside world too. Smart guy!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 18, 1954

Mrs. Winston Brooke
1120 Calhoun Avenue
Anniston, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Brooke:

I enjoyed seeing you at the League's meeting here in Atlanta.

I send you, separately, another copy of the booklet, Answers for Action. Anything you can do to get it more widely used in your state? $15.00 a hundred plus carriage they come to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. William C. Pauley

August 18, 1954

Mrs. William C. Pauley
League of Women Voters of Georgia
78 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Pauley:

Nice of you to say I might write out to your state and local League people. Have so done.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

August 18, 1954

Mrs. Frank Harris,
508 N. Slappey Drive,
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Mrs. Pauley said I might write you and tell you about this new pamphlet. Good and popular. Aimed for use by local study or discussion groups.

Will you try to think of ways in which it might be helpful in your community? They go at $15.00 a hundred plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Answers for Action sent under separate cover.
Encl.
cc: Mrs. William C. Pauley

August 23, 1954

Dr. David M. Graybeal
c/o Methodist Pastors' School
Sullins College
Bristol, Virginia

Dear Dr. Graybeal:

The moment your letter came in we got off the 200 copies to you by express to Sullins. They left here the morning of August 23, and we think that it ought to get to you, certainly, by the 27th.

Here's a bill for this at $15.00 a hundred plus carriage. To expedite matters we have prepaid them from this end.

We think you will find it a useful bulletin.

Much appreciation for your use of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 23, 1954

Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

All straight about the gathering and supper at the Williamsburg Lodge, Tuesday, August 31. But late, rather than early, as I have to make it from Charlottesville at mid-day. But worry not about me, I will turn up that evening and as near to 5:30 p.m. as I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 23, 1954

Mrs. Demas T. Craw
League of Women Voters of Albermarle
RFD 2
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Craw:

I find I put on my calendar the supper with you for Tuesday, August 30. I hope a postcard to you rightly said Monday, August 30.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 23, 1954

Mr. Charles L. Boye
Division of Teacher Education
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Boye:

Many thanks for the $2.25. We have given away our last copy of the Williamsburg Report. I can lend you one which I send up separately. But it belongs in the files and ought to come back.

It is not a public document, but we have no objection to its being read by concerned people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 23, 1954

Dr. Moses S. Belton
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Belton:

Guy Johnson in Texas asked us to send you Memorandums #1, 2, and 3, about the new state programs.

Here they are. I am confident that North Carolina will plan and work wisely in this matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.
cc: Dr. Guy Johnson

August 23, 1954

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

My apologies for being until this late date answering your letter of June 22, which suggested that the time had come for the Council to draw up a new brief statement indicating anew its objectives. I held the letter until the Executive Committee meeting July 30. They discussed the matter with a good deal of care, and concluded that for the time being we might rest on the often quoted language of our policy statement of December, 1951: "The South of the future, toward which our efforts are directed, is a South freed of stultifying inheritances from the past. It is a South where the measure of a man will be his ability, not his race; where a common citizenship will work in democratic understanding for the common good; where all who labor will be rewarded in proportion to their skill and achievement; where all can feel confident of personal safety and equality before the law; where there will exist no double standard in housing; health, education, or other public services; where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed; where, above all, every individual will enjoy a full share of dignity and self-respect, in recognition of his creation in the image of God."

I think the Executive Committee was impressed with the importance of action at this stage. But no one excludes the possibility of a new statement at some agreed time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: HCF

August 23, 1954

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1511 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I received only today official word from Dick Foster that you had been picked for the job and were willing to take it on October 1. We are all delighted and know you will do it well. I send, separately, some foundation documents which you will need to understand.

Katherine Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, will be writing you in further detail about the budgets, etc.

Within a few weeks time I hope we can have a day or so together and get things really straight for the new job. Meanwhile, write us of anything that perplexes you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Richard Foster
Katherine Stoney

August 23, 1954

Mrs. Muriel S. Webb
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Webb:

Thank you for your letter of August 20 with its order. The letter said you wanted Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts, which was last year's pamphlet, done before the Court's decision. I judge from the price calculation that you really wanted this year's pamphlet called Answers for Action. It is considerably the better and I doubt if we have on hand as many as 250 of the old one.

We will get the Answers for Action: The Schools in the South off to you today, and it certainly will be well in hand before September 10th. Here's a bill for them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 23, 1954

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

I wrote Bishop Cole and asked for advice on how to get members of the Provincial Department of Christian Social Relations, and Diocesan Chairmen, interested in the new pamphlet, The Schools in the South. Here is an extra copy of it.

Bishop Cole said to write you for names of appropriate people. If you will send me such a list, I will be glad to write each of them a letter and urge that the Provincial Department and the Diocesan Department each to get some copies for distribution and use -- if that seems suitable to you.

The pamphlet has been quite popular and should be very useful to the people in working out their positions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 23, 1954

Mr. James B. O'Shaughnessy
Office of Law Development
Loyola University
School of Law
41 East Pearson Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Shaughnessy:

I greatly enjoyed the conference and the television program, and appreciate the opportunity to be with that group.

Your generous check has been received and is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 24, 1954

Dictated August 23

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear David:

We are having good success with the pamphlet, Answers for Action: The Schools in the South. We put out around 3,000 copies of it to our own members and subscribers. In addition, we have had already the attached principal orders and an excellent scattering of small orders.

The first edition was 20,000. At this rate we will exhaust it soon. The second will do a better color printing job on the map. We found that Atlanta printers simply do not possess the technique of a build up of color tones. And they had run off 20,000 before they showed us the map, so we let that poorly printed job stand.

The pamphlet is welcomed all around, and we are grateful to the Fund for the Republic for enabling us to get it out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 24, 1954

Mr. John S. Chambers
Kentucky Council of Churches
152 East High Street
Lexington 1, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I gave myself the pleasure of a brief visit with you when I was in Lexington during July. Since that time we have got from the press our new pamphlet which, perhaps, I described. It compresses the findings of the Ashmore Report, called The Negro and the Schools; gives the whole text of the Supreme Court's decision; recommends useful things for people in local communities to do; and carries a valuable map of population distribution.

It is really made for use by local and, preferably, interracial discussion groups. It has been quite popular with Church bodies. I am in hopes that the Kentucky Council of Churches will obtain a supply and will get it out and in use by local friends and members. They go at $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO; Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton

FROM: George S. Mitchell

Would you be good enough to work out a letter to new employees of the Southern Regional Council Central Office and of component state organizations posing the questions they must answer in pursuance to the Executive Committee's resolution at the meeting July 30 — being questions about loyalty? My own notion would be somewhat as follows:

> "Dear______: The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 30, 1954, having in mind the Council's use of funds which, by reason of their eleemosynary and educational functions, enjoy exemption from U.S. income taxes, decided that all staff personnel of the Southern Regional Council, and of affiliate organizations, whose salaries may be assisted by contributions from the Southern Regional Council, should give appropriate evidence of loyalty to our American form of government.
>
> With that in mind, the Executive Committee directed that the following two questions be put to all such personnel: (1) Are you now, or have you ever, belonged to the Communist Party?; (2) Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of an organization whose purpose it was to overthrow the government of the United States?
>
> If we may have your answers to these questions, we w would be grateful."

August 25, 1954

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

You remember that we have had a young economist from Berea, named Robert G. Menefee, travelling this Summer through the mountain areas, discussing with local leaders the matter of public school segregation in those counties. His reports have been of great interest and generally encouraging. He visited in early August the city of Norton, Virginia, and among others who were called on, there was the Reverend Raymond Dehan, who is priest in residence at Norton. The local church there includes all its Negro communicants in its services without discrimination. And Father Dehan was firm in his view that this was the proper arrangement. Menefee evidently quite enjoyed his visit with Father Dehan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1954

Mr. George K. Hundley
1515 Marine Street
Boulder, Colorado

Dear George:

Delighted that you are fixed with a job you like to do. And I know you will do it very well indeed. No small part of the business of making the incomers happy is arranging sociable gatherings; get Alice systematically into that end of it, and the two of you will do a whale of a job.

We move along, with about three of our twelve states decently organized, and the rest coming quite soon.

I don't know when we will get all the way out yonder, but we remember that we want to, and maybe some day we will. Meanwhile, if you or any of you get this direction, the Mitchells' house is where you live.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1954

The Reverend Msgr. T. J. McNamara
The Cathedral
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

Here back is the November, 1953, issue of the Georgetown Law Journal, in which I read with profit and cordial approval the article on televised investigative hearings.

Most pleasant for Alice and me to see you the other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Georgetown Law Journal mailed under separate cover this date.

August 25, 1954

Dr. Margaret J. Butcher
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Butcher:

Mr. Roy Wilkins asked that we send a copy of this new pamphlet to you. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore report; reprints the Supreme Court's decision; tells things to do; and has a useful, if in this edition not too well printed, map. It has proved quite popular in the South as a textlet for local interracial discussion groups on how to bring about unsegregated schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Answers for Action sent under separate cover this date.

cc: Mr. Roy Wilkins

August 25, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Your letter to prospective Commissioners seems to me to be improvable at only the one minor point that I have put in.

I question the wisdom of "at once" in the final paragraph.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1954

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Box 670
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The attached letter went out to present members of the Board of the Council.

I want you to have all the information that they have.

Pretty soon now we want to move towards getting a vigorous state organization in Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 25, 1954

Dr. John P. Dean
Associate Professor of Sociology
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Dr. Dean:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you about the possibility of our setting up a conference in Atlanta on the behavorial sciences and desegregation. We would be glad to arrange such a conference and to be of whatever other help we can. We are looking forward to receiving the first draft of your memorandum.

There is a strong likelihood that Dr. Mitchell will be away the week of September 15th, but he suggests that, if that is your best date, Mrs. Grace Hamilton, of the Council's staff, and I can substitute for him.

Phil Coombs, John Ivey, and Hylan Lewis would certainly be suitable participants. It also occurs to us that it might be useful to invite Frank Loescher, race relations adviser to the Fund for the Republic. If you think well of the idea, perhaps you should invite Coombs and Loescher.

Following are other names that occur to us. Some of them are more than 200 miles from Atlanta, and the list is too long, in any case. It was our thought that you should make the final selections. We will be glad to issue the invitations.

Mozell Hill, head, department of sociology, Atlanta Univ.
John A. Griffin, director of community relations, Emory University
Curtis Dixon, Southern Education Foundation, Atlanta
Truman Pierce, or alternate, Peabody College, Nashville
C. A. McKnight, director, Southern Education Reporting Service, Nashville
Gordon Blackwell, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Guy B. Johnson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Herman Long, AMA Race Relations Department, Fisk University, Nashville
William Cole, department of sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Earl Brewer, rural sociologist, Emory University
Ernst Swanson, economist, Emory University
John Maclachlan, sociologist and population analyst, University of Florida, Gainesville
Philip Hammer, economist and planning consultant, Atlanta
Lewis Jones, rural sociologist, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
*C. H. Parrish, Professor of Sociology, University of Louisville
John Hope II, Director Industrial Relations, Fisk University, Nashville
Mrs. Bonita Valien, Dept. of Social Sciences, Fisk University, Nashville
(*Expects to be in Atlanta in mid-September)

As you will perceive, a good many of these people took part in the Ashmore project.

The best place for the conference to be held would be Curtis Dixon's conference room, which he is always glad to make available. Lunch could easily be served there by a catering service.

I will look forward to hearing from you further.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming,
Assistant Director

HCF/s

August 25, 1954

Miss Dorothy Takechi
YWCA, National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Takechi:

Our tickler system is subject to an occasional delay, but in the end it is infallible. So it turns up, belatedly, our plan of May 20 to send you a copy of our new pamphlet Answers for Action: The Schools in the South.

I do hope you will like it and that the YW will use it.

It has been quite popular.

It contains the Ashmore report; gives the Court's decision; tells things to do; and prints a helpful map. $15.00 a hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 25, 1954

Dear Mr. Gibboney:

It was as kind of you as could be to write me August 17th about the Church Extension Conference.

I felt honored to be included in the fellowship of that gathering and was delighted to find, in the overwhelming majority of those who were present, great purpose to proceed sanely with what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Mr. Charles H. Gibboney
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the United States
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

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August 25, 1954

Dictated August 24

Mr. Roy Wilkins
NAACP
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Roy:

Here comes the hundred copies of Answers for Action by parcel post, with a bill for the pamphlets plus the postage.

When people get back to the office, do take up with them whether you can get more.

I met with your Savannah branch a few days ago and they gladly took on a hundred, notwithstanding that they are disposing of three or four hundred of the Public Affairs pamphlet too.

I think you would find it a popular and useful document in the South. It is done with an eye to making itself useful in local interracial discussion groups on how to bring about unsegregated schools. We have sent a copy to Dr. Butcher with the enclosed letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 25, 1954

Mr. Jacob S. Potofsky, President
The Sidney Hill/man Foundation, Inc.
15 Union Square, West
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Potofsky:

I promised in my letter of April 28th, thanking the Sidney Hillman Foundation for its grant to the Council, to send in some report of our progress.

It will be recalled that on April 1st, the Fund for the Republic undertook major aid to the Southern Regional Council to enable it to establish in each of twelve Southern states stable state-wide race relations agencies. We have been busy, mostly with trying to get the state groups organized. October 1st is our goal-date for getting them on their feet.

Georgia and Louisiana have already employed their Secretaries. South Carolina has picked its. Texas is about to make its choice. The other states, with the exception of two or three, have gotten well along with plans for their own reorganization October 1st.

The first job, naturally, for each state group will be the implementation of the Supreme Court's decision on the schools. A touchy and difficult task, but we have had long experience in working with things of that kind within each of the states, and we think we can get quite a lot done. We have been gratified to note that reports of the Southern states show that they are faring well. Two or three have taken extreme positions, but, happily, others have made it clear that they expect to abide by the decision of the Court — though most of them pine for and plot for delays within the law.

We have had great success with the distribution of a new pamphlet on the whole matter, called Answers for Action: The Schools in the South. It compresses the findings of the Ashmore Report, called The Negro and the Schools; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court's decision; tells things to do; and gives a helpful map on population ratio. It has been bought in large quantities by the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, The Catholic Committee of the South, the CIO, various individual unions, the Methodist Church, various teacher organizations, other church bodies, etc.

We planned it as a text for local interracial discussion groups and it is proving widely useful for just that purpose. Of course the ultimate usefulness of the local discussion groups is that they make a first bridge town by town, and local fact-findings by local citizens from which will emerge a plan and from the plan will begin performance. We recommend the pamphlet to the Amalgamated, and wish that their education people would consider getting it in stock and mailing it out to appropriate people in the Amalgamated, locally. They run at $15.00 a hundred plus carriage.

We are obligated, under the terms of the grant from the Fund for the Republic, to raise quite substantial additional sums for the conduct of the Council's program centrally in Atlanta, and each of the assisted states. The gift from the Sidney Hillman Foundation helped us quite substantially in this effort, and we are exceedingly grateful to you and to the Sidney Hillman Foundation for their aid.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Answers for Action sent under separate cover.

August 26, 1954

Dictated August 25

Mr. Claude Reed
Social Action Committee
Second Presbyterian Church
Candler School of Theology
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Reed:

Here's a copy of our best and current publication called Answers for Action. It condenses the Ashmore Report; contains the whole of the Supreme Court decision; tells things to do; and gives a map of population ratio county by county. I can't supply it for free, but we could send you any reasonable number of copies at the quantity price which is at a rate of $15.00 a hundred.

I will have back from the printer in a few days a new leaflet on the Southern Regional Council. And that I could supply you with in quantity for free.

Also we could supply a limited number of copies of recent issues of our magazine, New South -- samples enclosed. Eight or ten of each of these issues I could supply for free.

We are handy to you when you get to Emory and if you will give us a call, somebody from here will be glad to go out and talk with the incoming students. And we are at your service during the year for anything helpful we can do.

I am convinced that it is up to the churches to persuade the South to behave rightly in the matter of the schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 26, 1954

Dictated August 24

Mr. L. H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

We are very grateful for the two copies of the grand volume on the Symposium and ceremonies at the Inauguration. It is helpful to have the material in print.

My warmest wishes to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 26, 1954

Dictated August 24

Miss Anne Foley
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Anne Foley:

I have misplaced somewhere in the stack the letter saying how I should come on into Shreveport to or from Mineral Wells. I think the best plan will be for me to get to Shreveport as early as I can Friday morning, December 3. I will then get myself on to Mineral Wells Friday night or Saturday, or even Sunday. I have to be at Mineral Wells from Sunday afternoon, December 5, through December 10.

If for some reason it would suit you better for me to be at Shreveport about the 13th, I could still do that. But I reckon it is better to lock it for Shreveport on the out run.

Nobody has to lay themselves out to entertain me. I will just stroll in and have some time during the day to see what is going on. I would like, also, to see Elsie Wilson at the Council of Social Agencies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 26, 1954

Dictated August 24

Dr. Walter Heacock
Du Pont Foundation
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Dr. Heacock:

Nat Welch at Opelika, Alabama, has very kindly sent me a copy of his letter to you of August 20. If your travel takes you into the South, I do hope you will stop by our office here in Atlanta. We claim to be knowledgeable about the South and have been useful to a good many people on the facts and problems of this region.

I have some links with Delaware and Delaware College and would enjoy talking with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Nat Welch

August 26, 1954

Dictated August 24

Mr. Will Grenville-Grey
c/o Mr. Ruer Tyson
Box 537
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Grenville-Grey:

I am sorry I haven't got anything in print on your particular subject, though I know a good deal in my head -- nothing about TVA.

Such little printed material of value there is has come out from the Committee of the South, which might be addressed, c/o The National Planning Association, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington 9, D. C. They have got several things which neatly fill the bill. Write them at once and they will send you a list of what they have, sending it to England if need be. You can order from there. Their stuff is good.

We have worked on other aspects mostly relating to race, and I send you our latest pamphlet as being generally helpful to you.

For TVA you had best write directly to them at Knoxville, Tennessee, and they will send you a lot of things and I daresay for free.

I wish I could have the pleasure of your acquaintance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Answers for Action sent under separate cover this date.
Encl.

August 27, 1954

Dictated August 26

Mr. Ernest Barth
Alumni Building
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Barth:

We have heard that Guy Johnson, on his way back to North Carolina, will stop here today or tomorrow, but we have not seen him. We will see him if he shows.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 27, 1954

Dictated August 25

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Gibson Gray came through yesterday and Harold and I talked with him at length. We both liked him and thought him good material for the job. I think he would have organizing ability; would draw in the cooperation of many agencies and organizations; would probably help substantially with sums of money that would be needed; and he has a good professional knowledge of how to proceed in his field. His personality has a mildness which would be both a draw-back and an asset.

We greatly enjoyed reading Kloppe's statement. Undoubtedly he has great ability, and to my mind a striking personality. The administrative arrangement is awkward, and I would judge only barely workable. I suspect the truth is that Gray is a better man for you at the beginning and Kloppe is a better man for you later on. But what you confront now is a new beginning.

However, I would certainly give my blessing to either one, and you and your Committee can take your pick.

I return the letters about Kloppe.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

August 27, 1954

Miss Ann O'Reilly
Assistant Editor
The Catholic Interracialist
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Miss O'Reilly:

Many thanks for your kind letter of August 23. Here's a screed.

If the plug for the pamphlet is not acceptable in full text, either scrap it or carry it elsewhere, if you care to.

Incidentally, Father Shean, at Rock Hill, for the Catholic Committee of the South, has bought 2,500 copies and has sent them out to members of the Committee. Here's a copy for you.

I was pleased to see the note about Ann Foley and Mary Dolan at Shreveport. I know them both and Father Gremillion also, and will be paying them a visit in December.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

August 27, 1954

Dictated August 25

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

In earlier conversations about inviting people to be on the Commission for Equal Penalties, we had the notion that one, two, or three people prominent in the law, particularly, would be asked to invite the other members of the Commission. We think that there would be greater success in getting the people you want on the Commission if the Commissioners were thus invited to be on a committee on which, say, perhaps, would be Judge Underwood and Monte Lemann, and some other competent persons. If you still think this idea has merit -- and we do -- what would you think of arranging to see Judge Underwood when you come to Atlanta to set up the Finance Committee?

There is the other point that whatever letter goes out inviting people to be on the Commission might usefully emphasize the autonomy of the Commission. You remember months ago we talked of giving it its own budget and its own staff. That we haven't got the money to do, but we could make it clear to those invited to serve that they aren't hung onto the arms of the Southern Regional Council, but that they will be an eminent body of persons having before them some fact collected through the agency of the Southern Regional Council; and a body able, if need be, to make arrangements for obtaining additional facts if they need them.

Also, I think it would be well if we could get across to them that they may wish to issue a statement, or a publication, or something of the sort which would give their recommendations to the Bar and the courts of the South.

If you, as President of the Council, do now invite the members of the Commission, always the members of the Commission will regard themselves as creatures of an SRC directive.

Do you think that these suggestions have merit?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: HCF
GTH ✓
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

August 28, 1954

Mr. Walter P. Offutt, Jr.
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Offutt:

Apologies for being Augusty in answering your helpful letter of August 5.

The Manual (Cooperative Work in Race Relations) is a good job, giving practically all the suggestions that would be useful to a local group. Whatever committees get set up will go battling off on their own, but it would be well for some on the Committee to have read the pamphlet, and to have made mental notes from it of useful things they could and should do.

The next big job in the South is to get just such local groups a'going, among Church people, about schools.

Come to see us if you are in Atlanta, and call on us for any help we can ever give you in the New York job. And don't forget to get word to Mr. Jackson in Chicago that we need and wish his help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 28, 1954

Mr. Lester B. Granger
National Urban League, Inc.
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

Dear Lester:

We'll write to each Southern League, and send a copy of Answers for Action and urge them to buy them. Hope they will. And meanwhile, when Parris is available you and he have a session and figure out how to get a hundred and get them out.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 28, 1954

Miss Thelma Stevens
Womans Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Oh my! So nice to meet sympathy and understanding and ready helpfulness!

Mr. Schisler bought 410 copies of Answers for Action, and I presume will send them out, as he did last year with Questions and Answers, to the District Superintendents in the Southeastern, South Central, and Central Jurisdictions. So far as I know that is all the distribution that had been arranged or proposed within the Methodist Church, except what you will do. I have not written to local Woman's Societies (South or elsewhere), nor to any of the Bishops, except I believe Bishop Bowen here in Atlanta.

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention got a hundred, and the Southern Presbyterians got a hundred and bought about another hundred at their Church Extension Conference at Montreat this Summer. The Lutherans have listed it in their maggie, and the Catholic Committee of the South got a number to send out to their members. So it gets around, but not as yet to your women, and they are the ones who can do the very most with it.

It's meant for local, and wherever possible, interracial discussion meetings (quite tiny meetings). Using it, the women are certain to find a meeting of minds, to go on to get the facts locally about the two sets of schools and how and where and when the children could be put together, and so to make a plan. And whatever plan they make is sure to reach the ears of the local school officials, and to strengthen their hand in implementing the law.

We've shipped your kind 500 by Express. And do consider what further disposition you can make, through and with Mrs. Stiffler or independently. I think very much that in how the South behaves on this whole matter will depend on how many Methodist women read and put to action the little booklet.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 28, 1954

Mr. Arthur W. Calhoun
Box 761
RFD 1
Melbourne, Florida

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

The University of Melbourne sounds like the kind of place a University ought to be. Do please count me in as someone who would like to be asked to take part in a seminar.

I put in a pamphlet of the Council's as showing how we think. And for my own academic standing I can boast some years of teaching and some years of doing. Nice wife, too.

I'll be glad to send what you may need in the way of personal history. For reachable people who know me, I suggest the Herbert Davidsons at Daytona, or Davisson Dunlap at Jacksonville.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Answers for Action sent under separate cover this date.

August 28, 1954

Jeannette Smith
Chairman
Committee on Peace and Social Concern
23 Appian Way
West Barrington, Rhode Island

Dear Jeanette Smith:

Edward Manice, for the New England Yearly Meeting, wrote and asked us to send "a good assortment" of our materials to you, as being helpful for your consideration this year of race relations.

I send a list of our published things, and a couple of copies of our latest item, called Answers for Action: Schools in the South. It compresses the main findings of the big Ashmore Report on the Negro and the Schools, gives the whole of the Court's decision, tells things to do, and has a useful, if in this edition not too well-printed map, giving population ratios county by county in the South. It's our best foot forward, and likely to be the best item for your people to use. We intend it for local discussion groups, interracial wherever possible, as a textlet. Available at $15.00 a hundred, twenty cents each, plus postage. Do get some.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Material sent under separate cover this date.

August 28, 1954

Mr. Richard Franklin
509 West 121st Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Franklin:

My humble apologies for letting your letter of more than a month ago wait so long for an answer; usually I do better, but these have been busy times.

Next to no jobs here in this central office, but if you've got a real Texas background you might usefully write to Mrs. James B. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas, who is Chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations, which is the group we will assist in that state. She's hunting around for someone to run the show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 28, 1954

Mrs. Ida Belle Coan
213 Rigby Street
Manning, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Coan:

That was nice of you to join us, and we appreciate it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 28, 1954

Dr. Henry Winthrop
6004-A Bremo Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Winthrop:

My apologies for sitting on your letter of July 21 for a whole month, but it has been a busy month, though I know a vital one to you.

We do expect to be setting up an organization in Virginia in the near future, and they will be needing someone to be its Secretary. Pays about $5,000 for the first years, and $5,500 after that. Emerson Smith, at the Virginia Council of Churches, 109 West Grace St., will know about it. They have one or two other people they think of, but I should think that what you know would be of real interest to them.

I'm to be in Charlottesville at an A.F. of L. School all the week of August 29-September 3, and would be happy to talk with you there if you should wander toward Albemarle County. Sure to be there in the mornings, likely to be gone in the afternoons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 28, 1954

Reverend Beverly M. Boyd, D. D.
Chairman, Christian Social Relations
330 North Getty Street
Uvaldes, Texas

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Here's a copy of a pamphlet which could be quite useful for the Diocesan people in Christian Social Relations in the seventh Province. I bespeak your care in looking through it, and your cooperation. It would be well for you or for me to send copies of it to the Diocesan chairmen in Christian Social Relations in those of your Diocese which fall below the Line -- in the Eastern Texas and Eastern Oklahoma areas. Our Council is an independent, non-denominational, and non-political organization, but we have had the friendship of the Protestant-Episcopal Church from our beginning in 1944 (and earlier for the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which preceded us), and Bishop Penick and retired Bishop Clingman are members of our Board. Also, it is the case that the National Council customarily gives the Southern Regional Council $1,000 a year.

The pamphlet is soberly done and is constructive. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report on The Negro and the Schools; gives the whole of the Supreme Court's decision; gives useful things to do; and prints a map showing population ratio by counties. We prepared it hoping that it would find use by local and often interracial discussion groups in which local citizens would work together, usually as church people, with the view to finding a meeting of minds, working with the facts on the local schools, and approaching some kind of plan for how to go about the change in the local community.

A copy of the pamphlet has been sent already to each Bishop in your Province and in the Province of Sewanee.

We can supply you with the pamphlet in quantity at $15.00 a hundred plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Answers for Action sent under separate cover

August 28, 1954

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am very sorry that we overlooked sending you the two copies of Answers for Action, as promised in our previous letter. They are going forward to you today under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

eab/

August 28, 1954

Mr. James M. Dabbs
"Rip Raps"
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Mr. Clement sent us over a clipping with the Sumter date line, carrying a brief account of your courageous appearance before the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

Honor to you sir!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. A. J. Clement
Mutual Life Insurance Company
Station "A"
Box 206
Charleston, South Carolina

August 28, 1954

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are hit a little hard by your emphatic turndown of our request for further aid to New South.

I will be coming to New York along in the Fall and hope you will let me come and get advice from you on where and how we should turn.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

August 28, 1954

The Negro Farmer
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Folks:

Once or twice I have written in and asked that the subscription to The Negro Farmer, which is currently carried in my name, and at my address, be transferred to Mr. Houston Johnson, RFD 2, Box 238, Ashland, Virginia.

What happens at present is that you send it to me and I re-mail it at three cents a crack to my friend, Houston Johnson.

So, I suggest you cease to send it to me and send it only and directly to him. Maybe you are sending it to him already, but how about checking the addressograph plates and seeing? Anyway, here's another dollar to carry forward Mr. Johnson's subscription.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.
(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

August 28, 1954

Mrs. S. B. Kitchens
Lafayette,
Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kitchens:

Many thanks for the dollar, which we much appreciate. I have sent a copy of the pamphlet to Mr. Leake with the attached letter.

Yours is just such a county as seems to us to offer fullest opportunity for bringing opinion around to compliance with the decision of the Court.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 28, 1954

Mr. Frank D. Leake
Superintendent
Walker County Schools
LaFayette, Georgia

Dear Mr. Leake:

I have been asked by one of your local citizens to send on this copy of Answers for Action: The Schools in the South to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Answers for Action sent under separate cover

cc: Mrs. S. B. Kitchens

August 28, 1954

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U. S. A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

A few weeks ago at a Town and Country ministers' session at Emory, the young fellow Edwin George Kloppe was present and he and I became acquainted. I suggested to him that he interest himself in a vacancy which the Texas Commission will be having soon as paid Secretary to it. And when he went back to Houston he talked to various people on the Committee of the Texas Commission.

He is unwilling to sever himself from his rural congregation, and apparently could only take the job of the Texas Commission if the job could be at Austin near his home, and if he could have a competent secretary beneath him, etc. So, I doubt if he will wind up with the place. But I write you because I noticed that you had had some association with his trip to Geneva and must, therefore, know about him.

I developed a very great enthusiasm for Kloppe. Energy, courage, informed ideas, local rural roots. Haven't seen such a young fellow anywhere for a long time. His has been a remarkable background, affording him much unusual opportunity for interracial experiences and understanding. If something comes along that demands a very able fellow indeed for organizing some new program of the Church, that is the fellow to be sought out.

Doubtless you form the same opinion, but I write to re-inform your recollection of him. He doesn't need a job and is happy where he is, and he isn't asking for any change, but my goodness he has got strength!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

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August 28, 1954

Miss Sophie Van S. Thiess
Secretary
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Thiess:

I only saw today, in making up a list of ordered pamphlets, your most kind letter of August 4. We do appreciate your liking the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

August 28, 1954

Mr. Elrey B. Jeppesen
Jeppesen and Company
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Jeppesen:

I read with much interest the account, in the New York Times of August 8, of your techniques in map making.

I have some amateur interest in the field and would be grateful for your kindness in sending me anything you may have in print on the subject, or in putting me on a list of those to be kept informed of your progress.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

August 28, 1954

Mrs. Jessie P. Guzman
Director
Department of Records and Research
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Guzman:

We are trying hard to get our state organizations moving by October 1. And we won't have much of value coming in in the way of reports from the states until several months after the state groups have really been set moving. Meanwhile, there is some material in our files which would be of particular interest to you.

We have had an able man from Berea travelling in the mountain areas of the South and sending in weekly reports. He has been interviewing people in small towns and country places in the Southern Appalachian territories. Also there are reports from visits made by Mr. C. H. Parrish during the Summer in various Southern states.

Besides this, there is general material in our clipping files. I suggest that you send over Lewis Jones and let him read through what is available here and take notes from whatever of it would be helpful to your needs.

For our purpose, the best time for him to come would be from September 21st forward. But if he needs to get to work sooner, it would be possible for him to be into our files between September 6 and 10.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

September 7, 1954

Miss Flo Pedlar
345 Bonebank Street
Winnipeg 9,
Manitoba, Canada

Dear Miss Pedlar:

Thank you for your letter of August 10th expressing interest in professional work with the Southern Regional Council.

We enclose a folder which describes the objectives and program of the Council. We hope that you will continue your interest in the Southern regionl and in the field of race relations, although it is not possible to indicate employment opportunities for you at this time.

Yours cordially,

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Executive Director.

GTH/eab

September 7, 1954

Mr. Roscoe Giffen
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Roscoe:

The Mountaineer Workshop job was beautiful. Your speech at the beginning was the very first thing I ever saw in print about the mountains that seemed to me free of all the silly supposition, and crammed with genuine understanding.

All praises to you, Sir.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1954

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Room 105
City Hall
Cincinnati 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bragdon:

Good job that Mountaineer study.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1954

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

I read with much interest nearly all of the Hearings on the Heselton Bill, and particularly approved what you had to say.

We are concerned to get wider understanding in the South of the opportunity presented by clear Federal legislation in the field.

I do greatly hope that Betty and her husband will be coming to Atlanta. Please tell them to let us know, or you send us word, when, as and if they get here. I know a few people in the Public Health office, and Alice and I would be so glad to have Betty and Co. in this city.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 7, 1954

Mr. Allen D. Edwards
Department of Sociology
Winthrop College
The South Carolina College for Women
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Edwards:

The Southern Regional Council has state divisions in Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. In Georgia the Georgia Interracial Committee is affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, and in Texas the Texas Commission on Race Relations is affiliated with SRC. In Virginia we have no organization of our own, but the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, an entirely independent body, cooperates with the Southern Regional Council. We regard Oklahoma as one of our states, but we have no organization of our Oklahoma members. Membership per state ranges from a few score to a few hundred. In only two or three of the states are there any strong local chapters.

I send a copy of the release which we gave out on the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Under the new program each of twelve Southern States (those above listed) will be offered funds with which to employ one or two professional people, a clerk, and funds for office equipment and maintenance, with a proviso that each such assisted state program must raise an increasing quote of funds toward its annual budget from within its own state. The central office in Atlanta has a present staff of five persons whose work is professional in character -- a Secretary-Treasurer, and two clerks. The annual budget for the central office is at a rate of $50,000, and for each of the twelve states at approximately $15,000 per year. The central office has also to raise quite substantial amounts in order to meet its budget.

The Council's principal activity for the time being is the effective organization of the twelve state programs, most of which are to get underway in October, 1954. Thereafter our work will be in coordination of the activities of the state programs, in fact gathering, in consultant service to individuals and organizations throughout the South on matters affecting regional development, particularly as race relations may be concerned, and publication of our monthly magazine, New South. The state programs will concern themselves directly with local educational and action programs in improved opportunity for all the people within their areas.

A recent Council publication, Answers for Action: The Schools in the South, is being widely used by local interracial discussion groups

For more background I send you, not as publishable, a copy of a recent report to members of our Board of Directors.

If I can send you more, please call on me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 8, 1954

Miss Brownie Lee Jones
American Labor Education Service
1776 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Brownie Lee:

Thanks for the check!

Lucy's just the same. Maybe less consecutive, they say. But cheerful and comfortable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 8, 1954

Miss Ann O'Reilly
The Catholic Interracialist
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss O'Reilly:

Here's a mat which I hope will do!

We don't do any picture taking and don't get any, so we can't help on that.

I can think of various people who might write something for you.

Paul Williams, 3320 Gloucester Road, Richmond 22, Virginia. Was quite helpful in organizing the Catholic Committee of the South; he was a Knight of St. Gregory; is a judicious person; widely travelled in the South. Incidentally, he was President of the Southern Regional Council for six most useful years.

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O., The Oratory, Rock Hill, South Carolina. He is, as you know, the leading figure in the Catholic Committee of the South today, and is deeply and freshly informed on all matters of public and parochial school integration.

Miss Adele Clark of Richmond, Virginia, whose address is unknown to me, but she does reside on Chamberlaine Avenue, is a vigorous Catholic lay-woman full of ideas; active long ago in the sufferage movement and League of Women Voters; and a convinced follower of what is right on matters relating to the schools; chirpy and strong.

Dr. Rupert Vance, University of North Carolina, Keanan Professor of Sociology, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is the leading authority on the human geography of the South and he has kept up on matters of the schools, and has written several papers about it recently. Non-Catholic.

Professor Harry Roberts, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia. Professor of economics at this good Negro college. A Negro himself. Deeply informed on matters of Southern agriculture, and could give an appraisal of what the problem of integration is in the rural South. Non-Catholic.

Milton Vigo. Executive Secretary of the New Orleans and Louisiana Committee on Race Relations, 1224 Ursulines Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Newly in this job. Youngish fellow, Catholic, able.

John H. McCann, 231 Baronna Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. An important Catholic layman with vigorous views on this matter -- quite good views. Board member of SRC.

Doubtless I could think of others if need be.

Thank you for running our screed. We will be glad to see it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P. S. The next letter in my stack is one from Mary Dolan at Friendship House in Shreveport. I am to see them in December.

September 8, 1954

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

The weekend of October 16 and 17, Alice and I and quite possibly my daughter Charlotte will come up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 8, 1954

Dictated September 7, 1954

Miss Caroline Gillespie
Route 1
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Caroline:

So glad you like Answers for Action. Thirty copies coming to you on consignment basis.

We are pleased that things get further in South Carolina, and I have written Alice Spearman to say how glad we are that she has taken the job. I would need to sit down with you to plan about what you ought to turn your efforts to. At this end of the line I can't think, but if we were together I suppose we could plan something helpful.

Ellen comes back tomorrow from Pennsylvania, and goes back to William and Mary Saturday.

Come to see us whenever you are to, through, or near Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville 10, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

Many thanks for the addresses in your letter of September 6. We have written out to them as attached.

I got the list for the Southwest Province and sent this letter out to them too.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 9, 1954

Mr. Emory Via
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt College
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Emory:

I ask a kind service of you and Margaret. Though Margaret these days must be staying close to home!

This new little pamphlet, Answers for Action, you doubtless have seen. It is going great guns in Church groups. I have never been able to get the new Chairman of the National Baptist Convention to come to life on the subject. He doesn't answer my letters and nothing happens. I have written him as enclosed.

Nothing succeeds like a personal visit.

Would you be so very kind as to go and see him and tell him about the Council and get him to work out a way to get it circulated within his Church? Truth is, he ought to buy a thousand or three thousand copies, and mail it out at least to all his Southern Church officials. It has been shown that one of the very best ways to get these discussion groups going is for some leading Negro people to approach the white people and ask for them. Of course I don't care to say this to Mr. Jackson.

I know that you are very busy, but do try to get to see Jackson and put something of the Via energy into it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls:
cc: ltr to Mr. Jackson
Answers for Action

September 9, 1954

Mr. A. C. Miller
The Christian Life Commission of the
    Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

We are still warmly appreciative of your purchase of a hundred copies of Answers for Action: The Schools in the South.

I am wondering as to further promotion within the Denomination. Would it be proper and wise for me to write to some official of each Association in the Southern states? If that would be useful, and if you could send me a list of them, I would be glad to get letters out. But if you have already reached them through channels of your own, never mind.

I am glad to report that the pamphlet has been picked up widely in the Methodist Church, in the Episcopal Church, in the Catholic Committee of the South, in the Southern Presbyterian Church, etc.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
104 "C" Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Irene Osborne; and Dear Alma Scurlock:

I do appreciate the kind mention of Answers for Action in the August Bulletin. It is going very nicely and it is being widely used in churches particularly. We printed 20,000 and have sold about 12,000 a'ready. After we finish the first 20,000, we will get the printer to behave himself on the color map. He didn't on the first batch.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 9, 1954

Mr. William H. Oliver
UAW - CIO
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Our warm congratulations to UAW and to Mr. Reuther and to you for getting out Souls Don't Have Color.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

I'll get there, one way or another, by 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 3. Am at the service of Friendship House that p.m. and evening, and as much of Saturday as you can stand me around.

Sorry not to be there for Thursday, the regular Forum night, but would have to be out too long.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mrs. James B. O'Shaughnessy
Office of Law Development
Loyola University
School of Law
41 East Pearson Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Shaughnessy:

I greatly enjoyed the conference and the television program, and appreciate the opportunity to be with that group.

Your generous check has been received and is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mr. Riley B. Montgomery
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

I do appreciate your kind letter of August 27. We are sending out letters to each of the state secretaries in the South with a copy of the pamphlet in each letter.

We do hope that many of them will get it and use it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mrs. Adele Parker
R. R. 1
La Grange, Illinois

Dear Adele:

Appreciation.

I dared not wink, but I looked my most humane and friendly toward all Parkers.

Don't know when I'll get back, but will, and will visit sure 'nuff.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 9, 1954

Mr. Seymour Samet
The American Jewish Committee
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

We appreciate the order for Answers for Action, which have been shipped.

Fred's up here, and will make us a good man. Glad to have all his Miami training.

Come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I inform you of a matter which concerns twenty-five hard years of your lifetime.

Recently we reorganized the space occupied by the Council--knocking out partitions, putting in better lighting, and spreading gay paint around. That brought us to review each cubic foot of file material in the Council's custody. We thought perhaps it would be proper to hand over to the Library of A. U. the files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with certain stipulations.

The matter was proposed to the Executive Committee, with President Clement present, and I supply you with the resulting exchange of letters.

Within the next few days the files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation will, therefore, be carried over to the Library at A. U. and placed in the perpetual care of the library under the conditions stated.

Needless to say, you have our assistance -- as, of course, you will have A. U.'s -- in having access to the files at any time. And while you have never asked for a service of this kind, we do want you to understand that we will gladly dig up for you at any time anything that you feel sure is there and that you will describe to us.

Admiringly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Katherine Stoney

September 9, 1954

Miss Rebecca Reid
29 East Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Rebecca:

You have heard me praise South Carolina because every now and then there stands up in that State a man who, for all the dogs that yap and champ at his legs, never an inch does he budge from the truth.

All praise to J. M. Dabbs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Sorry I wasn't here when you called, but I am glad Mrs. Hamilton talked with you. Come down and stay as long as you can. You will do good.

In Richmond the Executive Secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, Emerson Smith, 109 West Grace Street. That is an independent body, successor in a curious way to the old Virginia Interracial Committee, and we have never organized in Virginia a direct SRC setup. But it has been awkward for us for the Virginia Council of Churches is sectarian and SRC Catholic and Jewish and some other members have had no direct link with the Virginia Council of Churches. I have agreement, verbally, from Emerson Smith and from his Chairman, an Episcopal clergyman at Staunton, Virginia, named Carroll Brooke, that we can proceed in Virginia to set up an organization which would have the blessing of the Virginia Council of Churches. Paul D. Williams, 3320 Gloucester Road, Richmond, Virginia, Telephone 4-3241, was president of the Council for two or three years. Distinguished layman.

Able young fellow to give you good advice, rather from the upper crust in Richmond, is Page Williams, St. Christopher's School. A former Board member of SRC and active in the NCC. On the Negro side, I would begin with Oliver Hill, 623 North Third Street, Richmond.

In Greensboro, Tartt Bell can steer you to everybody concerned.

In South Carolina, though you may not think so, I promise you you will be rewarded by going off your line to a plantation called "Rip Raps" owned and operated by J. M. Dabbs, seven miles from Mayesville and eight miles from Sumter. No telephone. If you approach from Sumter, Miss Rebecca Reid on Calhoun Street, could tell you how to get there. And if you approach from Mayesville, ask at the Harness Store and they will tell you how to get there. One grand fellow. Leading Presbyterian layman. Former Chairman of SRC in South Carolina. Noble man, full of ideas and courage.

The present Chairman of the South Carolina Division is an able lawyer and juvenile court judge named Dick Foster, Curb Market Building, Greenville. We have now employed for the Executive Secretary of the South Carolina Division, Alice Spearman, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina. She is an old hand at this game but new in her nexus with SRC.

In Alabama the head of our show is a Methodist Minister at Sylacauga, 107 East Spring Street. At Tuskegee, C. G. Gomillion, Dean of Students at Tuskegee Institute, is well informed. And his new President, Mr. L. H. Foster, is friendly to us. I would start with the man at Sylacauga.

In Mississippi, we go as yet weakly. The man to begin with is Rabbi Mantinband, 808 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. But if you got to Jackson first, start with Mr. Jacob Reddix, the Negro President of Jackson College, who is my long-time friend.

Plan, by all means, to spend some time with us here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mr. John R. Bross
Division of the Social Sciences
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Bross:

You are so right about the map. The truth is that we gave them copy to go by which carefully built up the color tones, and the printer, being unfamiliar with that technique of map making with the color prints, allowed the 20,000 copies to be printed without showing us the proof. We were distressed, but didn't have the heart to make them do over the 20,000. We will correct it in the next edition.

We will need your help in the coming months in Alabama.

If I get invited to come over to Talladega again you know I am always ready.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 9, 1954

Mr. Paul B. Wilson
Room 400-C Hort Building
Pennsylvania State University
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wilson:

You were a good egg to send us the extra $16.53, and we do appreciate it. I had my qualms, naturally, about asking for it.

Do hunt up my friends Mitchell Morse, and his wife. I have written to Emerson Smith who is Secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, that you are a good guy and quite possibly would be available for whatever turns up in Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 10, 1954

Mr. Spencer Shank
Box 467
Pineville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Shank:

I explored with care the matter we discussed on Monday.

I am sorry to say I got no encouragement toward any arrangement under which the State Superintendents of Instruction in the South would request an arrangement for the training of select teachers for assistance in the problem of integration in the schools. It is judged that people in authority in most of the Southern states have persuaded themselves that integration can be postponed for a long time, and whether or not that supposition is correct, few of them are now disposed to take steps which identify them with voluntary and pre-planned compliance with the decision of the Court.

There is some thought, also, that when and if the time comes that officialdom within the public school system of the South seeks training of this kind, they will wish to arrange it at this or that institution or several institutions well within the borders of the South.

I, myself, think this is short-sighted, and that it is a part of statesmanship to prepare painstakingly, at just this stage, for easy transition to unsegregated education.

My recommendation would be that the Summer session of the University of Cincinnati proceed with as lengthy and as substantial a training program as it can devise and get financed. And that it make known to teachers in the South the availability of instruction in this new and needed skill. I think that quite a number of teachers would go on their own; their prescience being greater than that of the officials above them.

I am sorry to report this conclusion, as I had hoped that some quasi-official request could be made on behalf of the state school officers for the particular kind of training you are prepared to offer. I believe my information is correct that such a request will not be forthcoming, and, again, I can only recommend that you proceed, as all of us must, to do by voluntary and unofficial devices what so greatly does need to be done.

We, in this Council, stand ready to help you in any way we can. It may be that a few weeks from now a further conference on the matter would see some ray of hope.

In any case, I am strongly of the opinion that whatever you can do toward offering organized instruction in this matter will turn out to be greatly beneficial to the South and to the nation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Mr. J. Curtis Dixon
GSM/eab

Sept. 10, 1954

Mrs. Malcolm Randolph
325 Villanova Rd.
Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Randolph:

Dr. Mitchell passed on your correspondence regarding a proposed self-survey in Oak Ridge.

Your start sounds encouraging. Broad community representation is most important to follow-up action on the survey, and your list of present membership in the Citizens' Committee indicates you are on the way toward a representative group.

I enclosed a copy of the report on Greenville, S. C.'s self-survey with your order for 20 copies of the survey manual, also several copies of the 1952 follow-up report on the Greenville survey. You might want to write Mrs. Elsie L. Wilson, Council of Social Agencies, 715 Travis St., Shreveport, La. for a copy of "The Shreveport Story," which gives an account of Shreveport's self-survey of their Negro community.

As Dr. Mitchell wrote you, I am available for travel and correspondence in connection with self-surveys. Please feel free to call on me if you think I can be of help.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

September 10, 1954

Mr. Richard Foster
Curb Market Building
P. O. Box 1325
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Dick:

I have not forgotten, as I hope you and your wife have not, that I am to come to your home for supper this coming Friday night, September 17.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 10, 1954

The Reverend Carl R. Pritchett, D. D.
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Pritchett:

Many thanks for your nice letter. Volume I, Number 1, of Southern School News came out September 3. It's executive officer is C. A. McKnight, of the Charlotte News. The office is in Nashville.* I am satisfied that if you will write them with some indication that you request it as an active person in the Anderson Council of Human Relations, they will be glad to send it to you free of charge.

I haven't yet had a chance to more than glance at it, but really it is going to be a tremendous aid and resource!

You may be sure that I will be glad to come to Anderson at any time that you may wish it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

* Mr. G. A. McKnight
Southern Education Reporting Service
Nashville, Tennessee

September 10, 1954

Mr. Martin Wiman
Classification Officer
Kilby Prison,
Alabama

Dear Mr. Wiman:

We received, the other day, a delayed letter from young David Potter, the research student who, along with five other similar young fellows in scattered counties, made some inquiry into court records in Montgomery.

He said that you had been particularly helpful to him on his trip to Kilby. We would like to add our thanks to his for your kindness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 10, 1954

Mr. Robert Strauble
Office of the Attorney General
State of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Strauble:

You will, perhaps, recall that earlier this past Summer, a young student, David Potter, engaged in taking down some county court records in Montgomery, had the benefit of your kind assistance in this or that matter. We have had a delayed letter from him, and he asked in particular that we make known to you his (and thus our own) cordial appreciation of your kindness to him.

Similar information was obtained from a total of six Southern counties, and we hope that it will, at some future date, be helpful to a proposed report on matters relating to law enforcement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 10, 1954

Mr. Rod Nachman
511 Hill Building
Box 113
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Nachman:

Apologies for being a good deal less than speedy in sending you our cordial thanks for the help you gave, early in the Summer, to young David Potter on his visit to Montgomery. He took another job at the end of his stint for us, and only just the other day got around to a longish letter on his Montgomery stay, though he had at once sent in the material from the case records. He spoke most warmly of your friendly help to him in establishing contacts, and reports, particularly, that he had interrupted you in pressing work of your own for advice, and that you had made time, on each occasion, to be extremely helpful to him.

I believe we undertook a token honorarium for the kind attention of the attornies in the several localities visited. And it is a pleasure to send this small check.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
cc: David Potter

September 10, 1954

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

So glad you are going to send out Answers for Action to members of the Governor's Committee. We have shipped you one hundred additional copies. It seems to me all right to bill you for the extra hundred, because it is really Virginia's business to get copies to the Governor's Committee.

The regular price for issues of New South is supposed to be 10¢ apiece, but for such good friends, we can get it down to $5.00 a hundred — and we have shipped you a hundred of these, too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 10, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

It seems to me that when you come down to Atlanta we can reach a ready agreement on the Commission business. I think it is only a matter of talking ahead of time with one or two other people whom you pretty surely think would be on the Commission, and getting their agreement to the Council's going ahead and picking pretty much the people whom you have wanted to use in any case.

Could you come sometime between September 20 and 23, or between September 27 and October 1?

I have to be at Junaluska the week beginning September 13, and shall come directly to see you on your mountain top one afternoon that week -- probably Tuesday, the 14th.

Things do pretty well here. We are somewhat downcast by the flare-up in Georgia politics.

Congratulations on the progress you are making with the University Extension people.

And warm thanks for the letters to Mr. Jackson and Bryan.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - returning ltr from Mr. Russell M. Grumann

September 10, 1954

Mr. Dan C. Whitsett
The First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Dan:

That is fine that the Bishop has agreed to use Bob Hughes, and that you are getting the group together at Montgomery, September 17, at 2:00 p.m. Dismally, I have promised to be in North Carolina all that week, but I have an able new assistant, Fred Routh, who will be the one keeping up most of the links with the new state groups. I would like to send him, and will, if that is all right.

We will be having a general meeting of new State Secretaries about Mid-October, and Hughes should plan to come over to that. But, if between now and then he has any opportunity to be in Atlanta, it would be fine if we could all talk with him and get him further into the right groove.

Congratulations on this good move!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Fred Routh

Sept. 13, 1954

Mr. G. T. Coleman
200 ½ W. Houston
Marshall, Tex.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I am sending several bulletins related to the use of Negro police in the South under separate cover. Among them is areport on our 1953 survey of towns and counties employing Negro police. We have just finished this year's survey, but it is not yet in print. This year's survey indicates that there are now 132 towns and 21 counties in the thirteen Southern states employing a total of 610 uniformed policemen, 93 plainclothesmen and 107 policewomen. The following towns and counties can be added to last year's list:

Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.; Belle Glade, Ft. Pierce, Hillsborough County, Lakelad, Pensacola, Fla.; Athens, Dalton, East Point, Marietta, Thomasville, Waycross and Griffin, Ga.; Shreveport, La.; Greenville, Miss.; Shawnee, Okla.; Potter County and Wichita Falls, Tex.; Alexandria and Hampton, Va.

We would be interested in a copy of the report you prepare from the questionnaire you enclosed in your letter.

Additional copies of the bulletins from our office are available.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for materials mailed:

Pamphlets	$.25
Postage	.04
	$.29

Stamps acceptable

September 13, 1954

Reverend Dan C. Whitsett
The First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

George Mitchell has already written you that I will attend the organizational meeting you are planning at Montgomery on September 17, at 2:00 p.m.

Professor C. H. Parrish of the University of Louisville will accompany me on the trip to Montgomery. Dr. Parrish has travelled over the South this Summer for the Council, and has a first-hand knowledge of many of the problems and opportunities which we face.

We would appreciate a resume of Mr. Hughes' experience for our files here in the central office.

I am looking forward to meeting you and being of assistance in any way possible in furthering the work of the Alabama state organization of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Fred Routh
Assistant Director for
Program Development

FR/eab
cc: GSM ✓

September 13, 1954

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loescher:

Dr. Mitchell is out of the city for this week, but I will call your letter of September 11 to his attention immediately upon his return. In the meantime, I have checked his engagement calendar for October and find that he will be in Asheville, North Carolina on October 9th, and in Salisbury, North Carolina on October 13th. You might like to take those dates into account as you plan your itinerary.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

September 13, 1954

Mr. W. E. Lessenger
Dean
College of Education
Wayne University
Detroit 1, Michigan

Dear Mr. Lessenger:

In Dr. Mitchell's absence may I tell you about our recommendations for a Negro Fellow or assistant in the Department of Elementary Education at Wayne University.

We talked with Dr. Willa Player of Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, about the opportunities, because we hoped that she might be able to suggest someone equipped and available. We have the greatest confidence in Dr. Player's judgement, but haven't heard whether she referred someone to you.

We discussed the opportunities with several possible applicants here in Atlanta, and would recommend as first choice, Miss Anne Wright, at 742 Jett Street, N. W., Atlanta. Miss Wright is presently teaching in the Atlanta Public School system. She received her M.A. in Elementary Education from New York University this past Summer, and has had six years of teaching experience at the elementary level in the Atlanta Public School system. She was highly recommended to us by her supervisor here. She is attractive, the right age, and has a definite interest in the possibilities described in the material sent to us. She would be most interested in a position as instructor. You no doubt have had her application.

We are grateful to you and to Dr. Boye for calling these opportunities to our attention. We hope that you may be able to secure an able person.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/eab

September 14, 1954

Dictated September 13

Mr. Malcolm Ross
University Editor
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear ~~Mac~~ Mike:

I am now settled in Atlanta as Assistant Director for Program Development of the Southern Regional Council, working with our old friend, George Mitchell. The job is proving to be as interesting as I thought it would.

Atlanta has certain advantages, at the moment, over Miami, in that it has turned cooler today

When I was up in your office one afternoon talking with Ed Hay, I noticed you had some five copies of the survey that was done for the Attorney General. We could very much use it and would appreciate one of those copies if you could spare it. We are going to do an issue of New South on what is being done in the various Southern states in regard to the Supreme Court decision. Florida is one of the states to be covered.

My best regards to my many friends at the University, and hope that this finds you well. Drop me a note from time to time and keep me informed of what the Dade County Council is doing.

Your Rebel friend,

Fred Routh
Assistant Director for
Program Development

FR/eab

September 14, 1954

The Honorable Richard Irwin
Attorney General of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dick:

You will recall that this past May I was a candidate for U. S. Congress from the Miami area, and lost to our good friend, Dante Fascell. At the present time I am working for the Southern Regional Council as Assistant Director for Program Development.

We are interested in what the various states are doing in filing briefs before the Supreme Court of the U. S. regarding the recent decision of desegregating the public schools. We believe that Florida has taken an important step in agreeing to file such a brief and are interested in the results of the survey that was recently done in the Sunshine State. My good friend, Dan Larson, head of the Government Department at the University of Miami, assisted you in making this survey.

I would very much appreciate it if you could send us a copy of the survey so that we may note what Florida is doing in a future issue of our publication, New South.

My best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director for
Program Development

FR/eab

September 20, 1954

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

If you should happen in Asheville on Saturday, October 9, there will be a very interesting gathering there. Whatever is the National Association of Newspaper Editors will that day be approaching the end of a several days meeting at the Grove Park Inn at Asheville. And at their luncheon gathering on Saturday, October 9, Harry Ashmore, Benny Mays, and George Mitchell, will be a part of a panel to discuss the South and the race problem, "if any," I suppose it is not a public meeting, but I am satisfied I could get you cordially welcomed. That would be a pretty good pulse-taking of the South.

Then Saturday afternoon and Sunday we could drive down to Atlanta and be here Sunday and Monday. On Tuesday, I have to light out again for Salisbury, but could fly. That is a one night stand to make a speech to the Women's Club at the Elks' Club, at 7:00 p.m. From Wednesday, October 13, I will be back in Atlanta through the 15th, and then on the 16th and 17th, I am gone up to Highlander with Alice and Charlotte for a weekend of advising with Myles Horton on what to do about the Highlander Folk School. You would be very welcome along on that trip. Then, after the 17th, I am back in Atlanta for days and days straight.

You are always welcome. You are particularly welcome at the Mitchell's house here. With a daughter in college there are two empty guests rooms.

I look forward to our colliding.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1954

Mr. Richard Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Dick:

Your office was letter perfect in writing me ahead of time that you would be out at Denver at the time of our September 17th supper. But, unaccountably, word did not get through to me up at Junaluska and I, therefore, wound my way up to your doorstep. But in due time got the word from your neighbors that you were out armying.

Better luck next time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1954

Reverend Thomas R. Thrasher
315 Clanton Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Thrasher:

We are sending you, under separate cover and at the direction of Mr. Fred Routh, some SRC letterhead to be used by the Alabama Division.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Brantley
Secretary

eab/

September 20, 1954

Mr. Lambert Davis
The University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Davis:

The additional major orders we have filled are on the attached sheet. Some of the same names will appear on this sheet as were on the last one, but they are not to be considered as duplications.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1954

Mr. Lambert Davis
The University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Davis:

The additional major orders we have filled are on the attached sheet. Some of the same names will appear on this sheet as were on the last one, but they are not to be considered as duplications.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Sept. 21, 1954

Mr. J. R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work
N.C.Dept. of Public Welfare
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Larkins:

I am sending a copy of last year's Negro police survey and a copy of our self-survey manual under separate cover.

We have completed this year's survey but it is not yet in print. The following towns and counties employing Negro police can be added to last year's list:

Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.
Belle Glade, Broward County, Ft. Pierce, Hillsborough County, Lakeland, Pensacola, Fla.
Athens, Dalton, East Point, Marietta, Thomasville, Waycross and Griffin, Ga.
Shreveport, La.
Greenville, Miss.
Shawnee, Okla.
Potter County and Wichita Falls, Tex.
Alexandria and Hampton, Va.

There are now 132 towns, and 22 counties in the thirteen Southern states employing a total of 610 uniformed policemen, 95 plainsclothesmen and 107 police women.

We appreciate the two copies of your study of Negro parolees. In a few days I will have time to read it carefully and will take up your offer to send more copies if I feel we can use them.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for material sent:

Survey manual	$.50
Police report	.10
Postage	.05

September 21, 1954

Mr. David Potter
816 South Forty-Seventh Street
Apartment 311
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Potter:

We duly sent Mr. Nachman a $25.00 giftie, but he sent it back September 13, and said he had done what little he did as a personal favor to Reverend Thomas Thrasher, and for introducing a nice young fellow around he could take no fee. He must be a nice guy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Sept. 21, 1954

Francis Hayes, Clerk
2035 N. W. 7th Lane
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to send the enclosed copies of New South with information on de-segregation in libraries in the South.

Hope we can soon add Gainesville to our list!

Back copies of New South are ten cents each.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

September 21, 1954

Mr. Mayes Behrman
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Here's what we can find in the files about Rundquist -- his original incoming and a later acknowledgement.

You had better send these originals back for our files.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

September 21, 1954

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

If Betty and her husband want an apartment -- even one big enough for a family with two children, and with a little green grass around it -- that is quite manageable. Atlanta is over-built on apartments of this kind and there are two or three quite nice locations -- one about three miles from the middle of town, and one about six miles, near Oglethorpe, and others. So, if it is apartments, let them just come on and Alice and I can show them what the neighborhoods are, and I think they can strike a deal with the apartment proprietors pretty quickly. I guess in the neighborhood of $100.00 a month.

If it is a house, that is tougher. Rental housing is hard to find. A reliable agent is the Lipscomb-Ellis Company, 88 Walton, N. W., telephone WAlnut 2162

Since Ellen went off to William and Mary a week ago, the Mitchell residence at 906 Lullwater Road, Dearborn 5961, contains two empty guest rooms, and we would be glad to have Betty and family for the days they would need while they are hunting. We would both welcome a chance to get acquainted with Betty again, and to know the husband and the children.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 21, 1954

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

I will be there with bells on for the December 5-10 labor school. Not much chance of bringing Alice, because we have got a daughter in school and someone has to stay at home to keep her and her beaus straight.

I look forward to the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 21, 1954

Reverend Francis B. Wakefield, Jr.
All Saints' Church
151 South Ann Street
Mobile 20, Alabama

Dear Mr. Wakefield:

I have been away, so only just today get to your two kind letters about the Conference at Camp McDowell, Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25.

I will be there before 4:30 p.m. on Friday the 24th. No difficulty about getting through by Sunday afternoon. And I will being a hundred copies of *Schools in the South*. For my own purposes, it would be best if I could, at one of the Friday gatherings, do a forty-two minute map speech that puts in the background economically, racially, socially, and politically, on the whole business of the South, and Alabama in particular. Then, there is another thirty-five minutes to be done later on the development of the law about segregation in the schools; and another forty minutes to be gone through with on what to do now; and then time for a lot of discussion.

But I suppose with a short weekend that is an ambitious blocking in of time. If need be, the session on the law and on what to do could be shoved together into a single forty-minute run. That would mean a background run Friday night, and a longish session Saturday morning, and then time for discussion.

I have found with other groups that when it comes to discussions on this so difficult topic it is well if the leader takes a back seat and asks the group to elect a chairman to conduct the discussion. People seem freer that way.

You will be interested in the latest issue of *New South*, some copies of which I can bring to Camp McDowell.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

September 21, 1954

Reverend Robert S. Seiler
Department of Christian Social Relations
The Mayo Memorial Church House
110 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Seiler:

We are delighted to get off 300 copies of Answers for Action to you right away.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
AFA sent under separate cover this date

September 21, 1954

Mr. Marshall Jenkins
1446 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I am sorry we haven't got much for free, but here is a list of all we print.

I send, also, as a gift, a copy of our new pamphlet which we think excellent — Answers for Action: Schools in the South. It compresses the main findings of the Ashmore Report on "The Negro and the Schools"; gives the whole of the Supreme Court decision with instructive footnotes; suggests things to do; and gives an invaluable map showing the population ratio, county by county.

It has been very widely used as a textlet for local discussion groups — often interracial in character. It goes for $15.00 a hundred and half a hundred or a few less at the same rate.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

September 22, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

The Herald-Tribune Forum is paying for a ride to New York for me on October 18. I could spend at least the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, October 20, in the Washington area. Would that do you any good?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 22, 1954

Mr. Russell Partington
2120 Blodgett Street
Muskegon, Michigan

Dear Mr. Partington:

How kind it was of you to send us five needed dollars. It helps us keep going.

Here are three copies of Answers for Action, and a list of our other things.

Write us if we can help you at any time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Copies to: FBR
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September 22, 1954
(Dictated September 20)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Guy H. Wells

FROM: George S. Mitchell

In our conversation this afternoon with Mr. Pitts, the proposal that I outlined was in the following terms:

Mr. Pitts to come on to your payroll as a consultant effective October 1, for the period to December 31, 1954, with notice of change of status to be given to him by or before December 1, 1955.

Compensation as a consultant to be at whatever figure you and Mr. Pitts may agree upon, but presumably built upon the annual salary rate of $5,000. On hasty mental arithmetic this appears to work out at the neighborhood of $18.00 per working day. With per diem to be supplemented by travel expenses on whatever basis you and the Georgia Committee may approve -- daily travel expenses on actual travel basis. Katherine Stoney can give you helpful advice on the method of calculating travel compensation.

It was suggested that Mr. Pitts might, during the period from now until December 31, 1954, be used for travel into various Georgia towns as a correspondent to your office in gaining increased membership for the Georgia Committee, and in attendance on your own staff meetings.

You suggested that Mr. Pitts come to Atlanta for your meeting October 5, when there will be opportunity for him to see Mr. Bruseal, Reverend Mr. King, Mr. Richards, and other members of your Committee. And I suggested that it should be possible for you to cover Mr. Pitts' travel, alone, to the October 5th meeting.

It was further suggested by me that any agreement with Mr. Pitts should arrange that he should not be used as a consultant more than say six days during any given calendar month, and that you would make every effort to accommodate Mr. Pitts' travel to his own needs in the light of his duties, teaching, administrative, and church.

Mr. Pitts said that it would be necessary for him to confer on this proposal with Bishop Womack, and that Mr. Pitts would be prepared to talk further with you on October 5.

For the period after January 1, it was hoped that one of several proposals would work out: (a) full-time employment with the addition of funds which you will have raised by that time, or (b) half-time employment jointly with the Florida Committee. There will, of course, still be the possibility, provided that the Georgia Committee and Mr. Pitts were in agreement, of continuing to 1955 on a consultant basis.

September 22, 1954

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Gene:

The Herald-Tribune Forum pays the freight for a trip to New York for the evening of October 18. This is fair notice that I will come to see Bob Weaver and Gene Lovecky sometime around the 18th or the 19th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 22, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear David:

The Herald-Tribune Forum is paying for me to come to New York the night of October 18.

If I came to see you on the 19th, would I be likely to catch you there?

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, what I will do is the usual: call you when I get in on the afternoon of the 18th and ask the honorable office if you are expected to be there on the 19th, and when. We are doing tolerably and I would like to tell you about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 22, 1954

Mr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I get a free trip to New York October 18, for the Herald Tribune Forum. If I came to see you the afternoon of October 19, would I be likely to catch you there? I am not begging but I would like advice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 22, 1954

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

The Herald-Tribune Forum people pay for me to come up to New York October 18. Could I hope to have a visit with you on the afternoon of October 18?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 22, 1954

Miss Sophie Van S. Thies
Secretary
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Van Thies:

I get a ride to New York from the *Herald Tribune* Forum, for the evening of October 18.

If I came to see you on the morning of the 19th, could I hope to catch you there?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 23, 1954

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

I have puzzled a good deal about any useful relationship between the Panel of Americans and the Council. About the only thing I know is that local interracial meetings in several Georgia towns or cities, and in places in South Carolina and Virginia, and elsewhere, within the last year have found the most successful program bit to be a rather sketchily connected up panel of white and Negro college students from nearby colleges. The ready acceptance by the young people of decent ideals has been instructive to the older ranks in the audiences, and I am sure that the young people grew a bit as they expounded too. So far as I know, in none of these area of the Central South has the idea grown to include general inter-groupism, or more plainly, nobody has asked for a Catholic student and a Jewish student also. And I think that has not simply been neglect, but a sound instinct. The truth is that in the queer situation in the South religious minorities among white people are so nearly integrated anyhow into the general white culture that it seems artificial and invidious to pluck out from anonymity some pleasant young lady and say, "observe, a Catholic girl." Nobody was concerned about her being a Catholic before. And, similarly, with Jewish students.

Fred Routh, who is now with us, tells me that they came very near to getting a Panel of Americans in Miami -- and there I can see that it would fit.

I think the size of it is about this: If the movement could keep going on its own steam, and could reach into ~~each section, or~~ the areas of our new state groups now getting going, the state groups could and would use the panels. But I think they ought to find some other sponsor for the organizational backing than ours.

But if worse come to worse, and the Panel of Americans as an organized body goes under, I can promise you that we will be encouraging our state people to use panels of college students at many locality meetings, and that by contrivance here and there, the panels can include people of various religious backgrounds.

I am coming to New York October 18, 19, and 20, and will come in your office in the course of the 20th. And for once I will try to call up ahead of time and see whether you are going to be there, or whether I can find Larry, or whom.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 23, 1954

Mrs. Helen Hiett Waller
The Herald-Tribune Forum
New York Herald-Tribune
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Waller:

Sorry I wasn't here when you were in Atlanta, but I have your kind invitation via Harold Fleming. All straight, I hope. I take it that I am to speak at the Forum on "The South's Resources in Meeting the Supreme Court Decision," Monday, October 18, at 8:00 p.m.

I am to present a manuscript of about six double-spaced pages, which should reach you by October 10. The Forum is to pay my expenses.

I expect to arrive in New York by train in the early afternoon of October 18, and will stay at the New Yorker Hotel. Let me know later on exactly when and where you want me to show up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 23, 1954

Dictated September 21

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
934 Lee Street
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Ocie Lee:

Many thanks for the postcard and evidence of cheerfulness.

Harry Ashmore is supposed to be preparing a list of "big'uns" to pull together the Arkansas Division. They should be getting started before too long. South Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia have their people employed, and Kentucky has figured out just what it will do.

In Louisiana, the New Orleans Committee (all of whose members are members of SRC) is affiliated with the Southern Regional Council and with the quasi-defunct Louisiana Division of SRC. The New Orleans Committee employed, on their own for the Summer months, Milton Vigo, at 1224 Ursulines Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. He is to serve both the New Orleans Committee and the Louisiana Division. Nice young fellow, widely connected in New Orleans. Few links up-state. I have an agreement with him that when the Louisiana Division takes on additional personnel, he, or they, will be from up-state. We hope quite soon to get the whole Louisiana Division moving and Vigo is at work on it.

Your membership will be automatically transferred to the Louisiana Division when it gets going. Meanwhile, we have moved your address to Natchitoches.

If you ever come over here, by all means spend a long time with us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 23, 1954

Mr. James J. Lenoir
440 South View Drive
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lenoir:

I thank you warmly for the reprint from the Mercer Law Review, which I had heard of but had not seen.

It is going to be a tough problem in some of these states in the lower South, but I think it can be worked out in the end satisfactorily. To us the main job seems to be to arrange in a great many local communities small bi-racial discussion groups which will make friends on the issues, find the facts, achieve the germ of a plan, and, in one way or another, make their willingness to get ahead with the job made known to local school officials.

I return the compliment with a copy of our latest publication on the subject.

I haven't yet read your evidently excellent article, but we all will in the next few days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 23, 1954

Mr. William H. Oliver
UAW - CIO
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I do appreciate the fifty copies of *Souls Don't Have Color*. I can get them out usefully.

Here's still an extra copy of *Answers for Action: Schools in the South*. I do hope UAW will use it in good batches and get it around. It is a honey and is doing a lot of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 23, 1954

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I promised to write you when the Board meets. It is Wednesday, November 10. Please put it on honorable calendar and hold it -- and come. It will be held in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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attached memo to Gov from Pth.

September 23, 1954
(Dictated September 21)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Katherine Stoney

FROM: George S. Mitchell

In re the attached -- O.K. with me for Mr. Parrish to be consultant, effective October 1, at $35.00 a day and transportation costs, for work outside of Kentucky. I note that this is based on an annual salary of $7500 and that the estimated use of Mr. Parrish's services will be ten or twelve days per month.

cc: GTH

September 23, 1954

Dictated September 21

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Larry:

Guy Johnson turned all the statistical compilation on the reports of the Haverford students over to a young fellow at Chapel Hill who has done a most preliminary manuscript of it, one copy of which I have seen. The statistical sample turns out to be small as to some of the key points, but there may be enough to establish the general position that penalties show a heavy tendency to follow discrimination by race.

Marion Wright is coming to Atlanta October 2, and we will confer extensively on what to do with the findings, and about impaneling the actual Commission. Give us until early October and we can write you with clearer plans, and with more to consult you about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 23, 1954

Mr. William M. Goldsmith
635 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

I have a particularly warm place in my heart for anyone who ever tried to bring the blessings of trade unionism to textile workers in the Southern states. I wrote my thesis on that subject, and I hope to live long enough to see the day when that job gets done. But you fellows will will have to get busy within the next dozen years or my dream will not come true.

Also, I have a warm place for Winkie Barr.

What we are doing is reconstructing a dozen quasi-defunct state organizations in race relations in a dozen Southern states. We have a guy in Alabama, a guy in Louisiana, a guy in Georgia, and a gal-lady in South Carolina, and we will be picking up people in the other Southern states. They are engaged by the state committees. This staff here grows very little. We took on Mrs. Grace Hamilton to help us in program planning, and a guy named Fred Routh to travel around and work with the state groups, and that is about the crop.

I was in Charlottesville about three weeks ago for a one week AFL Institute.

Emory Via teaches at Roosevelt College. He and Margaret have a new son or daughter -- I forget which. Frank McAllister is, of course, at Roosevelt College. Ross Groshong I see only occasionally.

The truth is, there isn't much hope with us for new people to come on. If we got more money for reasearch, etc., we could add to the staff, but as it is, we are just about what we are going to be.

Meanwhile, anyway, give us your sympathy and speak well of us when you find opportunity.

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GSM/eab

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 24, 1954

The Virginia State Library
Richmond,
Virginia

Dear Sirs:

As a some time cub employee of the Archives Department in the old days of Dr. McIlwaine and Morgan Robinson, I read with much interest the illustrated monthly magazine. I notice in the New York Times for September 12, the enclosed item on certain Jewish family archives having a Virginia connection.

It occurred to me that some quotes taken directly from the original letters should be of interest to numerous readers of the magazine. I am sure that the repository of the letters at Cincinnati would be happy to give you the service of suitable Virginia quotes from the documents.

We are all too prone in the South to omit the place that is due to people of various minorities who helped us build. I should think it a gracious compliment to the distinguished Jewish community in the Virginia of today if this kind of recognition were given to one of their early members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

September 24, 1954

Dictated September 22

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Many thanks for your letter of September 9.

We give the states a free hand on name. The Kentucky outfit took an odd but a good name, because it intends to be not a centralized body with full-time professional staff, but a Council of people indirectly representing many organizations, and with a secretariat rather than a directing staff. I shouldn't be surprized but what a number of other states are taking a similar name.

Alabama got organized the other day, and decided for the time being to call itself the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council. I don't know what name South Carolina will take.

As to Item (b) in your letter of September 9, I discussed this on today with Leonard Haas. And he thinks very well of the clause you suggest for the by-laws of the state groups.

Accordingly, we will see to it that the state groups' by-laws do carry substantially this clause.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 24, 1954

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on
Agricultural Life and Labor
1751 "N" Street
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

How much would it cost the Southern Regional Council to become an organizational member of the NCALL?

I am sorry I can't be at the Board meeting September 27, but I just can't.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1954

Dictated September 22

Mr. Kenneth Gould
Workshop for Cultural Democracy
204 East Eighteenth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gould:

I am much interested in what you do and need to learn more about it. And I daresay there are a good many ways we can work together.

I got asked to be on the Herald-Tribune Forum the evening of Monday, October 18, and that provides me with a trip to New York.

I promised to try and go see Max Hahn in the cream of the afternoon of the 18th. That would leave some spill-over time in the late afternoon for the two of us to be together. I could undertake to be at your office by 5:00 October 18, but I realize that is late, and it may hold you up in getting off to Outer Suburbia, or wherever you live.

I offer a queer alternative. How about breakfast with me at the Hotel New Yorker 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 19? Method of contact -- you to arrive at one minute before eight o'clock and call my room.

Take your pick and we can do some talking.

Alternative device still. I am going to be in salisbury, North Carolina, to make a speech to the Women's Club at the Elks Club at 7:00 p.m. for a Mrs. Berkshire. I will get there October 12, way before 7:00 p.m., and I will spend the night there at an address as yet unknown. If you should happen down that way, then we can do considerable talking.

Thank Miss DuBois for the list of your Board members, some of whom, of course, I know.

If none of these arrangements are workable, tell me what scrap of time you could find on the 19th, and I will try to squeeze something into my tight schedule to fit yours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1954

Dictated September 22

Mr. Samuel F. Freeman
The Park Avenue Church
Disciples of Christ
70 Park Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Sam Freeman:

Warm appreciation for the copy of the report on your July-August trip. In my time I have sent out a good many people for the job that you went out on. Most of them at some stage write me or call me and say that they aren't getting anything done. Few of them hold that opinion at the end of the trip.

I once knew a wise man who said that the only earthly thing that is immortal is a community idea. You planted a community idea in at least a half-dozen Eastern Carolina communities. And it will live and bubble and someday blossom. Such work cannot be done by telephone; it has to be done exactly as you did it. I could guarantee you that in six or eight of those towns, since your visit, some white people have talked to some Negro people in an entirely different manner. Bare of all patronising. And that you put in! And that is the beginning of solution.

I guess that is what I meant by that phrase about decency. It got twisted a little as I recall it. What I meant to say was that in this or that community there is only one currency with which white people can purchase time, and that currency is frank equal decent planning together with Negro people as to how to accomplish the change.

I appreciate your defending our good name in place after place. I am sure that wherever I go all of those accusations are thought against me and too seldom raised; convenient that they could be raised directly with you and straightened out.

I am satisfied you and your Church accomplished richly and enduringly with that trip. Have you ever read any of the journals of George Fox as he travelled about those same counties in the 1760's, or whenever it was? They read much like your manuscript. And the point of similarity is that both he and you had that same sustained purpose of asserting a thoroughly Christian doctrine.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Va

September 27, 1954

Mr. Emerson Smith
The Virginia Council of Churches
109 W. Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Here's a note on two other persons that we have heard of who would be quite worth considering for a job with the new Virginia group.

These names were supplied to me by Fred Routh, who is now Assistant Director of the Council for field operations.

I will be in Virginia about October 21 or 22, and will come to see you, and would like to make some kind of plan for bringing together a group who could set up a Virginia show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 27, 1954

Dictated September 24

Mr. George J. Hecht
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

You wrote me September 9th about studies of financial abilities of Southern states to meet their various health and welfare needs without Federal aid.

One of the "trailies" to the Ashmore Report is being edited by Professor Truman Pierce, at George Peabody College in Nashville. The volume is to be called By-Racial Aspects of Education in the South. It is a detailed job with statistics on the schools. I should not be surprised but what his work would be quite helpful to you. Write him directly and he will be glad to correspond with you I am sure.

Lewis Jones, of the Rural Life Council at Tuskegee Institute, is doing a study on the expenditure patterns of low-income families in the South, with particular emphasis on expenditures on health. It is being done for the Health Information Foundation. Write to him and see if he can help you. I know he would want to if he could.

That is all I know of.

I agree with your view and thinking that in the long run the job the South has to do can only be done with Federal aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1954

Mrs. Cary Robertson
Box 218
Route 3
Anchorage, Kentucky

Dear Priscilla:

I can't quite make out what Mansir Tydings proposed. Evidently neither can you. Here's a release that gives some idea of what we are about in general.

In Kentucky they have set up a Kentucky Council of Human Relations. Unlike that in most states, it is not to employ full-time professional staff, but intends to have merely a high type office secretary who, at the insistence of the Kentucky Council, will place in this direction and that various temporary jobs to be done by local people.

I will remember your letter as the job proceeds. Meanwhile,

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 27, 1954

Mrs. Theodore Waller
Herald-Tribune Forum
New York Herald-Tribune
230 West Forty-First Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mrs. Waller:

Second confirmation. In reply to your letter of September 21, it is all right. I am coming. I am dictating a speech. It is long, but I will cut it down.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1954

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

We all thank you for your thoughtful and helpful letter of September 20.

We have done some conferring within the staff and have undertaken to get out some things that will put this earnest and speaking argument.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1954

Mr. Arthur A. Elder
International Ladies' Garment
Workers' Union
American Federation of Labor
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Art:

Good to hear that you get further with the National Committee for Rural Schools.

I will look forward to word from Ben McLaurin.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1954

Mr. David M. Graybeal
Emory and Henry College
Emory, Virginia

Dear Mr. Graybeal:

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 21. I find our office held the bill until they could add the exact amount of express charges, so the bill only got mailed three days after the package went out. And, presumably, the bill sits still at Sullins. In any case, a duplicate has been sent you.

I will remember that you would like me to be at Emory and Henry, and next time I can get to that neighborhood, I will stop, and will let you know ahead of time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1954

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Many thanks for your note of September 24. I will come in at 4:00 on October 18.

I will be staying at the Hotel New Yorker.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1954

Dr. David R. Minter
Route One
Cruger, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Minter:

I am distressed by the implications of your letter. We will do as you have asked about the copies of New South.

While the Council is not yet strong in Mississippi, I would wish to be helpful in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1954

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

Nice job, the letter to your members dated September 21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1954

Dictated September 27, 1954

The Reverend Francis B. Wakefield, Jr.
All Saints' Church
151 South Ann Street
Mobile 20, Alabama

Dear Mr. Wakefield:

I learned a lot in the day and a half at Camp McDowell. I think, on reflection, that the deepest lesson is that the groups in which I have generally been arguing ~~this~~ these matters, I have sought to reach the minds of those humbler peoples of the South who have the future before them. A wiser appeal to the group at Camp McDowell would have been to their accustomed quality of leadership in meeting a crisis of conscience.

I am deeply grateful for the chance to talk with them and to share their experiences as they reach out for solution.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1954

Mrs. John Hall Jones
Ten South Eightieth Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jones:

You were as kind as could be to give me such a grand dinner, and to share your home and company and ideas with me on Saturday.

I send you five copies of the new pamphlet. I really think many of the answers are in it.

Please tell Mr. Jones that I am thinking hard about the things he brought up. He is on a track that will yield richly in success.

If either or both of you, or the daughters, come over to Atlanta, you have an extra home at 906 Lullwater Road where the Mitchells live.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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28 Sept 54

Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Director
Protestant Radi & TV Center, Inc.
1805 Clifton Road N.E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Rev. Arnold:

Recently I have been appointed Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council in charge of program development. I learned on coming to Atlanta that the South Eastern Office of the National Council of Churches was vacant. I should like to recommend an outstanding clergyman for that position as the Churches of the South Eastern States face a terrifying responsibility in this time of social transition.

I refer to my good friend Rev. Caxton Doggett of Rader Memorial Methodist Church, 8755 NE 2nd Ave. Miami, Fla. Miami is my home and I was a professor of human relations for three years at the University of Miami. I am an Episcopalian not a Methodist. I have been active in numerous civic projects and organizations and have found Rev. Doggett active in many of them.

Rev. Doggett was, with me, a founding member of the Dade County Council on Community Relations; a quasi-official organization to improve the interrelationship of people of diverse backgrounds in Dade County, Florida. He is now on the Board.

He is Vice President of the Greater Miami United Nations Association and has been active in helping educate the community to the necessity of a just and lasting peace.

Rev. Doggett was born in Mississippi, knows most of the South, and practices the Christian Doctrine he so effectively preaches. He is the type of man who is desperately needed in positions of leadership today. His many friends, Negro and white, recognize his outstanding contributions to a better world.

Sincerely,

cc: Dr. Quinter Miller
Rev. Doggett

Frederick B. Routh

September 29, 1954

Mrs. D. Ellwood Williams, Jr.
Security - RFD 4
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Williams:

How very nice to have so appreciative an advocate at Annapolis!

I wish we could make a more favorable price than 15¢ apiece on the pamphlets, but the arithmetic shows that they cost us 14.5¢ each — so obviously we have made no appreciable profit on selling these eighteen thousand first ones at 15¢, the price at which most of them have gone. Let us know and we will send you any further number you wish. And we are appreciative of the $14.30, plus postage, already received.

I was asked last weekend to attend the first Conference of the Department of Christian Social Relations for the Diocese of Alabama, and lead discussions on just this matter. I didn't handle it too well, but there was quite fine discussion on what could be done in Alabama toward implementation.

As the weeks go by, I am more than ever convinced that the basic method of solution is these small local bi-racial discussion meetings; four or five white church leaders and two or three Negro ones. Inevitably, if they will meet several times, they will agree on the issues, make a careful finding of fact about the issues of population and schools and teachers and distances and cost, and out of that comes a tailored plan. Such a meeting is valuable only if those who come together do so as equals in human dignity. And we are somewhere near to the heart of the matter when that equality is adduced. The thing that needs to grow in each community is that sense of individual human dignity; the matter of the schools is really one of several entry-ways to that Mansion.

You ought to join our Council. It will cost you $5.00 a year, and I am sorry I have to say that because you live on your side of the Potomac you don't even have a vote. But you are a very near cousin. There is a blank in the back of this little grey leaflet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 29, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Many thanks for the check for the Junaluska trip. The CIO is most generous to our Council, and I gladly put back into it that week's teaching.

I will certainly be in Washington the 21st, and I am entirely at your service that afternoon and evening.

If you need to be in touch with me before I get in touch with you, leave a message at the Cosmos Club. Dinner with the Guernseys sounds most inviting.

I have the warmest admiration for Ken Clark and think he is doing the ablest thinking of anyone in this whole field.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 29, 1954

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Now that things settle back a little more into the normal, I remind you of your generous offer much earlier in the year to concern yourself about a possible contribution to the Southern Regional Council from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I believe we thought at the time that $5,000 was not an unreasonable request.

I can send you audits and budgets and releases and descriptions, and we will be glad to pay for the travel that would be needed to try to work it out.

If you still think the matter is well advised, you might begin on the correspondence with them, and we can supply you at any time you wish with what you might need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: K.S.

September 29, 1954

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Winston-Salem Journal
P. O. Box 2509
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

I have remembered with anticipation the Asheville date for October 9. I will drive up, probably making most of the journey on the 8th, and reaching Grove Park Inn in Asheville at least a couple of hours before the noon panel.

I will probably be heading back down the mountain toward Atlanta that Saturday evening, but I do appreciate the invitation to stay on for more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 29, 1954

Mr. James R. Short
Managing Editor
Virginia Cavalcade
Virginia State Library
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Short:

Most gracious of you to write about the little clipping.

I shall be mailing to you in a week or so, when the binding is done, a volume of memoirs which father left. What with the war and some delays over a proposed editing job, it never saw print (though completed, I think, by about 1941), and this summer my wife and I parceled out the typing of it on stencils to various of the family. She jammed through a mimeograph machine one hundred and fifty copies. They go, mostly, to the family and to former students, but my list has been marked already for a copy to the Virginia State Library.

A stock part of one of my speeches is to recall the incident when about 1922 I asked dear, and then elderly, Miss Johnston, if she would fetch me from the stacks a copy of H. R. Helpers' Impending Crisis in the South. Miss Johnston protested a couple of times that it was an unwise book to be looking into, but, when I persisted, she at length returned to the reading room holding it at arms length and pitching it in a most gingerly way to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 30, 1954

Mr. A. Dale Fiers
President
United Christian Missionary Society
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Fiers:

Will the United Christian Missionary Society, at its forthcoming meeting, be good enough to consider adding to its budget a modest contribution to the Southern Regional Council?

Your work and our work have intertwined at a good many points in recent years. You have generously made use of the Council's publications; I have had opportunity to talk to a goodish group of your people at the College of the Bible in Lexington; your good man, Sam Freeman, did a great service in travelling this past Summer in the Carolinas, promoting SRC's program of local bi-racial discussion groups on the schools and the courts; and Lewis Deer, in your group, did yeoman's service with us when he was in Arkansas. So we know each other and we admire and like what you do, and we hope the feeling is mutual.

The test which is on the Southern states today is crucial.

Our Council has funds, I must admit. We have been nobly aided by the Fund for the Republic. But the grant to the Council was made upon a carefully circumscribed budget, and because of specified allotment of funds we are without freedom of action in a good many directions that we see need attention. It will be necessary for the Council to bring in substantial additional contributions if the continuance of our present program is to be assured.

Your church would by no means be alone in helping the Southern Regional Council. For many years appropriate boards of the Methodist Church have given us two or three thousand dollars a year; the Southern Presbyterians and the Northern Presbyterians have given us $250 each a year; the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church gives us a thousand. Various local churches help us from time to time; we have had aid from numerous private Jewish sources; and, at one time or another from leading figures in the Catholic Church.

I send you a copy of our 1953 audit showing with accuracy the various contributors in that typical year before the Fund for the Republic grant. And I put in, also, our news release shortly after this major grant was received.

If the Society could include us for some such sum as $250, we would be deeply grateful for the amount in itself, and equally grateful for it as recognition of the Southern Regional Council's responsibility, jointly with your Church and other churches, for helping along the solution of this particular and pressing problem of getting a full assertion of Christian and democratic tradition within the Southern states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 1, 1954

Mrs. Theodore Waller
Herald-Tribune Forum
New York Herald-Tribune
230 West Forty-First Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mrs. Waller:

Mr. Fleming has been out of the office for several days because of illness. He has asked that I send you the enclosed biographical information on Dr. George S. Mitchell.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary

eab/

October 1, 1954

Mrs. Theodore Waller
Herald-Tribune Forum
New York Herald-Tribune
230 West Forty-First Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mrs. Waller:

Here's my speech for the Forum the night of October 18.

I didn't know about the hold-over session Tuesday morning, May 19, and it is going to be difficult for me to get there, but I suppose I can work it for some of it anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 1, 1954

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Palmetto Farm
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

We will miss you at the meeting November 10. A pity that we can't have you, but we understand.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1954

Miss Delores Sitzberger
Oshkosh High
1612 Oregon Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Sitzberger:

The best I can send you is a copy of a good booklet we did on the schools and segregation all over the South. Technically, you ought to find us 20¢ to send back for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

October 1, 1954

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Gene:

Good job. See if we can all have lunch at 12:20 on the 19th, and I will show up at your place.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

October 1, 1954

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the U.S.A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar Lee:

We are both going to be mighty busy on the 19th, but I will try my hardest to get to your office and catch you in and talk about things ahead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1954

Miss Mary R. Lewis
Research Assistant
Public Administration Clearing
House
45 East Sixty-Fifth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Miss Lewis:

We will do our best to help Miss Abreu.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Ltr. mailed
to Holmes
Hall

October 1, 1954

Mrs. Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Y.W.C.A.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

Suppose I meet you at the front door of Holmes Hall, 4:30 p.m., Sunday, October 3rd. I will have a car over there and I can take you home to supper and get you to the train. So have your bags packed and we can throw them in the back of the car.

If you need to communicate with me on Saturday or Sunday, I will be at home raking leaves, and the telephone there is Dearborn 5961.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1954

Mr. Kenneth M. Gould
Scholastic Magazines
33 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Gould:

I quite forgot about the other end of a suburban ride. I, myself, flit about quite a lot at 3:00 or 4:00 a.x., but I approve of a man who doesn't like to do it.

The afternoon of Monday, the 18th, I have to see a man at 4:00 p.m., but it is in your general neighborhood and I think I can be at your office by 5:00 or a few minutes thereafter.

No need to phone the New Yorker Hotel, I will show up at your office at or a little after 5:00 on the 18th. Sure, let's have dinner together!

I am tied up tight on Tuesday, but Wednesday may not be quite as bad. Nice if Dr. DuBois would be around Monday afternoon late, or if that doesn't suit her schedule, I will try to get to see her on Wednesday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 4, 1954

Reverend Norman Gore
The Church of the Epiphany
510 Seminole Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gore:

If the young people's group wants me Sunday, November 7, I will be in town and will be happy to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 4, 1954

Mrs. Matt Wall
The Sheraton Hotel
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Wall:

Many thanks for your check and the list of people. I assume that they are a list of people from the Diocese of North Carolina. We have sent the pamphlet, Answers for Action: Schools in the South, to each person on the list.

I recall that at a meeting of the Department of Christian Social Relations for the Province of Sewanee last May, a resolution was passed urging that each Diocese in the Province examine the matter of the schools as it might relate to their Church's stand, and report to the meeting of the Synod in November, I believe. I have had an opportunity to talk with the people of the Department of Christian Social Relations in the Diocese of Alabama, where feeling ran fairly strong both ways!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 4, 1954

Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

That little Williamsburg gathering was interesting and mighty pleasant. But I had the feeling that it didn't help you much with your problem, though maybe it will work around.

The evening of February 2, 1955 is quite all right for me to be in Norfolk, and I have marked it on my calendar and will be at your disposal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 4, 1954

Mr. Herbert W. K. Fitzroy
Richmond Area University Center, Inc.
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fitzroy:

I am honored to be asked to be part of the panel for the Richmond Public Forum April 25th, 1955, and have put it on my calendar. I am not an expensive traveller, and I don't think it will break you to pay for getting me to Richmond and back.

My own best suggestion for another panel member would be Professor C. H. Parrish, of the University of Louisville. When Louisville Municipal College and the University of Louisville were consolidated years ago, Mr. Parrish was the one Negro professor carried over into the new institution. He is mature — 55 perhaps — widely travelled in the South on just this matter of the schools, a sociologist in field, a statesman in mind; he is scholarly, affiliated with no particular agitative program, in no one's harness, fully loyal to the Negro cause, but wise and constructive in his proposals. Others in Kentucky who could give you a line on him are Sanders, the Sociologist at the University of Kentucky, or Butler, the State Superintendent of Schools at Frankfort, or almost anybody you would consult in Kentucky.

Mr. R. B. Atwood at Kentucky State College would be another suitable choice. So, quite particularly, would be President A. W. Dent at Dillard. Others to be thought over would be Professor Mozell Hill, in sociology at Atlanta University, or President Rufus Clement, Atlanta University, or Mrs. Bonita Valien at Fisk University. But Parrish would be the one I urge.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

P.S. This far ahead, I am not necessarily wedded to April 25 (though I have marked it on my calendar) and if, for the needs of others, the date should be shifted, I could certainly fit into what you might

October 4, 1954

Mr. Francis J. Brown
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brown:

One of our good members is a strategically placed person in St. Louis, and I have asked her to attend the Conference on "Approaching Equality of Opportunity in Higher Education," in St. Louis November 15-16, 1954. I don't know whether she can, but I have sent on to her your returnable postcard and have asked her to complete it and sent it to you. She is Mrs. Myron Schwartz, c/o Jewish Community Relations Council, 602 Fullerton Building, St. Louis 2, Missouri.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Myron Schwartz

October 4, 1954

Mrs. Myron Schwartz
c/o Jewish Community Relations Council
602 Fullerton Building
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Helen:

Here's a request from the American Council on Education for somebody here to go to a meeting in St. Louis in mid-November.

It is a bit far for us, and the $50.00 transportation provision does not tempt us. Could we ask you to represent the Southern Regional Council and go?

I have written Mr. Brown as enclosed.

If it is all right with you to go, suppose you fill out the postcard and send it on to B'rer' Brown.

We wouldn't need any report, but you might, when you get through, write us a notelet and tell us if anything useful came up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 4, 1954

Miss Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Y.W.C.A.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Miss Ennis:

Nice to see you yesterday. Hope the scheme will work.

I have got to be in Boston November 19, and in Atlanta Monday Evening November 22. So excepting grave emergency that locks me out from being with your group November 21 and 22.

I think you will find Mr. Vigo a quite workable substitute.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 4, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Katherine Stoney

FROM: George S. Mitchell

I talked this morning, October 4, with Mr. John Wheeler in Durham, re salary for Harry Jones. Wheeler is perfectly agreeable ro our checks being issued every two weeks on the basis of the $5,000 salary -- the North Carolina Division to be responsible for adding that amount to his salary which, for six months October 1, forward, will yield him a total salary of $6,000. Presumably, the figure of the supplement is to alter or may alter upon the North Carolina Committee's review six months after October 1.

Wheeler asked what we would do about withholding tax. Wheeler suggested, and I agreed subject to your review, that this office take from our salary payment to Jones for six months from October 1, forward, the entirety of the withholding tax on a $6,000 salary. Wheeler says this is perfectly lawful and a businesslike arrangement.

If this is adopted it entails several things: (1) A letter from you to Jones notifying him of this plan; (2) A request from you to Jones for his form to be completed and returned to you re his dependents; and (3) A tickler in your files such as will raise five or five and one-half months from October 1 the question of the salary level, and consequently the withholding amount to be taken from Mr. Jones' complete salary from date of change forward.

This arrangement of the separate salary for Jones is the more readily workable in that the North Carolina Division currently has in its treasury a balance of several hundred dollars, and Wheeler is the treasurer.

Therefore we should notify Jones (which is you, K.S.) that he will be paid from this office at a rate of $5,000 less withholding on a salary of $6,000, and the supplement making the difference between a rate of $5,000 and a rate of $6,000 should be paid to him every two weeks by Mr. John Wheeler. Money check drawn on the North Carolina Division.

October 4, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Harold and I have explored thoughtfully your letter of October 1. I was the more interested in it because only four or five days ago in Birmingham I conferred at length with a Baptist preacher named John Hall Jones, who also has claims to being a practitioner of social psychology and hobnobs with the professional elite in that field. He was worried about the need for just what you were talking about. Who is to tell the South the inside business on Milford, Delaware? What went wrong there, and what went right in Washington? Etc.? He wanted us to shell out to set up a team of people who would quickly analyze each incident and get the story out.

Harold tells me that the Southern Education Reporting Service at Nashville was established with quite careful forethought on the matter of relating its fact-finding to the requirements of social analyses. The second monthly issue of that publication should be out in a few days and we are inclined to wait and see whether it shows signs of taking on some of this burden of analysis. There is, also, a division within the Ford Foundation itself concerned about progress in the behavioral sciences. It centers on Robin Williams at Cornell. Williams wrote down here a month or so ago and asked us to organize for his group a conference of behavioral science people. I was out of town but Harold organized the meeting, invited the guests and made all the arrangements. They have just this job. I admit we do not know how long it will be before the research-minded machinery will come to focus on this question, but they have got any amount of money and can get any amount more for this kind of thing.

I believe that information of the kind you suggest is so vital and important to school officials that they really will be sure that the information is cast up. So, though I see the need for getting it, and I am certain that the Southern Regional Council could get it, I think that developing a pseudo-pod in that direction would drain mercilessly. And I am inclined to stick to our work of publicising other people's research. However, let us all watch the performance of the Reporting Service and the Behavioral Science people, and if they flub the job, we could ask for money to do it ourselves.

I, too, recognize that our state people must do a lot of that for the Council as a whole when these things begin to hit nearer home — where we will have state people.

On the South Carolina matter, what do you think of your sending a copy of your letter of October 1 to me to Mrs. Spearman, and asking her to consider it and raise it with her Board? Her address is 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, South Carolina. I like the idea, but I think it has got to be worked out in South Carolina, and except for giving Mrs. Spearman and Dick Foster and others encouragement there isn't a lot we can do. Something of the sort could become a part of their program in the reorganization of the South Carolina Division.

I am preparing a Second Quarterly Report for the Fund for the Republic.

We have made a staff conclusion that the Southern Regional Council should issue at the end of 1954 a printed annual report. It would hastily review the history of the Council; touch upon our main programs; give a quickie compression of past finances; a full financial report for 1954; touch upon and refute in general terms the malignant charges made against the Southern Regional Council as being "pinko" or what have you; and inform the public on a fairly high level. That seems to be no more than right if we are to spend the proceeds of a considerable sum of tax-exempt money. I don't know how widely we would circulate it, though, of course, to Board members, to members of the press, and to interested foundations. It would be a pretty handy answer to any further charges. # I inform you of the fact that the Georgia State Democratic Convention meeting about September 29 at Macon, Georgia, to perform the rite of officially nominating Marvin Griffin as candidate for Governor in the general election, is said by the press to have passed — among other resolutions — one condemning the Southern Regional Council as "a menace to Georgia institutions," urging that the Council be driven from the state "by force of public opinion." We haven't yet felt much of the force of public opinion, but we are disturbed somewhat by this foreshadowing of four more years of agressions.

By present schedule, I am to be in Atlanta October 13, 14, and 15. I am in New York October 18, 19, 20 and 21, and in Atlanta October 22 to November 3. If you and I are not together here before about October 24th and 25th, it is going to be difficult to get the Nominating Committee named and at work in time for the Board meeting November 10. Also well if you could have the Finance Committee picked and in agreement before November 10.

We could handle the Nominating Committee matter at your home Sunday, October 10, if that would suit you. I have promised to be at Asheville to speak for a convention of newspaper editors, Saturday, October 9, mid-day. And then I have to be at Salisbury, North Carolina, Tuesday, October 12 in the evening. So, I could come over to Linville Falls for a conference Sunday afternoon, and go on that night to Charlotte to talk with our new man Harry Jones, newly established there for the North Carolina outfit. Then to Salisbury on Tuesday.

Unless I hear to the contrary from you, I will plan to be at Linville Falls Sunday afternoon, October 10.

If you need to communicate with me in a hurry on Saturday, a letter to me at the Grove Park Inn, c/o The Conference of Editorial Writers, would reach me on the 9th.

In re the Board vacancies. There are probably five. In the room ~~run~~ of Palmer, deceased; in the room run of Grace Hamilton, C. H. Parrish, Alice Spearman, all of whom have become employed paid personnel; and in the run of Mantinband, who, as state chairman in Mississippi, is currently on the Board ex-officio. Four sure vacancies, five maybe.

For a Nominating Committee, I would think of Cassandra Birnie, John Griffin, Mrs. E. U. Robinson (Gallatin, Tennessee), perhaps James L. Coker or Dr. J. M. Richards of Columbia Seminary at Decatur, Georgia.

Here's the list. You make some preliminary choices and we can discuss them when I see you next.

The Nominating Committee will have two jobs. First it should nominate to vacancies on the Board of Directors, and secondly it should nominate officers of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - amended list of Bd. members.

This ltr sent to Negro Teachers' Associations

October 5, 1954

Dr. Robert C. Hatch
The Alabama State Teachers Association
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Hatch:

You may perhaps have seen this new pamphlet in the course of the ATA meeting at Nashville, July 26th. It comes out at a time when it can be particularly useful in reaching public opinion in the South.

It compresses the key conclusions of the Ashmore report; reprints the whole of the Supreme Court decision with the footnotes; suggests things to do now; and gives an informative map.

We can supply it at $15.00 a hundred.

I do hope your Association will seriously take up the opportunity to get it used in large numbers by your members. Your teachers, strategically placed over the South, can be of infinite help in getting local people to understand the issues and to prepare themselves for the changes to come.

Perhaps I am ambitious, but I hope that your Association will get many hundreds and maybe several thousands and get them out. Read it and I believe you will agree.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

October 6, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear David Freeman:

A great deal of time has gone into getting the matter of the schools before Southern audiences.

The Executive Director, during the last three months, has talked to influential groups in widely scattered places.

Among church-related bodies was a week's conference of the Division of Christian Relations at the Church Extension Conference of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (which is the Southern Presbyterian Church), at Montreat, North Carolina; a forum on public school desegregation conducted by the School of Law at Loyola University in Chicago; at the Town and Country Ministers Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church at Junaluska, North Carolina; at the Town and Country Ministers Conference at Emory University; for an interdenominational leadership conference arranged at Atlanta by the Board of Social Relations of the Methodist Church; and with the first state-wide conference of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Alabama.

For labor groups, he spoke to or conducted lengthy teaching sessions at the AFof L's Kentucky Labor School at Lexington; for the CIO labor school for the upper South at Junaluska, North Carolina; and for the Southeastern AF of L Labor School at Charlottesville, Virginia.

Other appearances, mainly on the schools matter, were for the Savannah Branch of the NAACP; the Seminar on Inter-group Relations of the NCCJ at Lexington, Kentucky; the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University; the National Convention of the NAACP at Dallas; the Convention of the American Teachers Association (which is the Negro teachers of the states having segregated education), at Nashville; and a South-wide meeting of representatives of Leagues of Women Voters for seventeen Southern states, in Atlanta.

This travel schedule has been supplemented by innumerable office conferences or small Atlanta meetings where people were asking guidance on the matter of the schools.

Mrs. Tilly has appeared before the Executive Committee of the Women's Society of the Methodist Church, Southeastern Jurisdiction, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina; the Rural Commission of the North Georgia Methodists; taught for a week at the Convocation of Methodist Youth (2,000), Lake Junaluska, and was a night speaker on the Supreme Court decision; taught a course in United Nations for a week at the School of Missions, Emory University; taught a course on "The City" at Clark College for a week; worked with the North Georgia Methodist women on a study course on "Christianity and Wealth" on two separate days; taught a community study class on "Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women"; worked with the Council of Church Women of Georgia, preparing the program for their state-wide meeting in October; worked with the Georgia Interracial Committee in setting up its new program; corresponded with all of the state presidents of United Church Women concerning the Supreme Court's decision; gathered together the pronouncements of all the denominations on the Supreme Court decision and the reactions of these denominations at state and local levels; wrote a program for the Methodist youth of the nation; and wrote the pamphlet, "Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court decision." A busy schedule, whose results will tell.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS:

Georgia. The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation has had an uninterrupted existence for many years. For the last nine or ten years it has been an affiliate of SRC, but it goes back to the earlier period with the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation. Since about 1945, it has managed to raise, from its several hundred members and from its small individual contributors, funds enough to enable it to pay the half-time salary of a single staff person. Its executive committee, at the beginning of this past Summer, thought that there would be no difficulty in raising a sum over and above what must be raised by the state group before September 30, 1955, to enable the Georgia Interracial Committee to employ a person full-time at its own expense during June, July, and August, 1954. The Southern Regional Council has advanced, to the Georgia Interracial Committee, the expense of this staff member.

They employed Mr. Guy Wells, who has had a distinguished career in Georgia educational circles. He is a past president of the Georgia Education Association, which is the professional organization of the white teachers in the state; and until a year or so ago, he had been for a considerable period president of a Georgia state college at Milledgeville, one of the principal teacher-training institutions in the State. He left that position for a year's service with the Mutual Security Agency in Libya, and returned for reasons of his wife's health without entering on the second year of service there. He is deeply interested in the progress of the state in matters touching on race, and his wide acquaintance among political and business and educational figures is standing him in good stead. He has used the Summer to strengthen the organizational roots of the Georgia Interracial Committee, and has spoken to important audiences all over the state on the matter of the schools.

The executive committee of the Georgia Interracial Committee meets October 5th, for formal adoption of altered By-Laws and their official launching as the state program of the Southern Regional Council.

Mr. Wells has employed Mrs. Luesta Knox as his secretary. Negotiations have been opened with the Reverend L. H. Pitts, the head of a private church-related Negro school in Cordele, Georgia, looking toward his being employed as a consultant until December 31, 1954, with the possibility of full-time employment thereafter.

South Carolina. The Executive Committee of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, following various meetings during the Summer, selected as their principal staff person, Mrs. Eugene Spearman, and she will enter on duty October 1, 1954, with an office at Columbia. Mrs. Spearman is a white Baptist laywoman, active in various social service fields in her own Church, and widely known throughout South Carolina. She has had a long association with the interracial movement in the state and will be a vigorous staff member for the South Carolina group.

Alabama. The Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council has employed, effective October 1, the Reverend Robert Hughes, a Methodist minister. His office will be in Montgomery. He is twenty-six years old, a native of Gadsden where his father was a physician; a graduate of the University of Alabama in political science and history, and with a B.D. degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology. In his Atlanta period, he took part in the interracial movement relating to the several white and Negro student bodies in the city. He took a rural church in Northeast Alabama in October, 1953. His Bishop has assigned him to the work with the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council, which means that he remains in good standing as a minister in the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church, though he will not have a church in his employment by this new body.

Louisiana. Louisiana has for some years had an anomalous arrangement. The New Orleans Committee on Race Relations has been autonomous within the Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council, and all members of either have been members of the Southern Regional Council. The New Orleans Committee had a thousand dollars in its treasury and in June employed a young man as its staff person at the expense of that fund. He will be picked up October 1 in the normal arrangement with the Southern Regional Council. He is Milton C. Vigo, who went to Tulane University, and for graduate work to Loyola University in New Orleans. Three years in the Army, which took him to North Africa and ETO. He has taught for the last four years at a private boys academy in New Orleans. Thirty. Carefully chosen by New Orleans people whom we trust. Enterprising and promising. We have an agreement with Mr. Vigo that when additional personnel is added to the staff in Louisiana, the expectation will be that the new staff member will be drawn from the Northern portion of the state. An office has been opened by the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, which is their new name, at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, telephone number, Main 4295. The Summer has been spent in that state in reaching the existing membership by travel and correspondence, and in planning for expansion and field reporting. By-Laws have been prepared and are being reviewed.

North Carolina. The North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council seems likely to employ as its executive October 1, Harry S. Jones, who has for the last five years served as Regional Director of the Carolina region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He has been widely popular in the state and has arranged unusually effective programs. Before that, he spent five years with the NCCJ in New Orleans, and a year in Military Government in Germany, and four years of military service in North Carolina. He has taught school in Honolulu, in Mississippi, and in New Jersey. Went to college at Westminster College in Missouri, at Teachers' College, Columbia University, and took a B.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary. The North Carolina Division, which has the previous year centered its activities in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill-areas, moves its office (a'purpose) to Charlotte in order to reach more vigorously into that part of the state.

Kentucky. The Kentucky Division of the Southern Regional Council converted itself, during the Summer, into the Kentucky Council of Human Relations. In numerous conferences with us here it has been agreed that they may try an experimental form of organisation which has no precedent within the Southern Regional Council. They propose to have as their single full-time staff personnel, a high-type clerical person, and the professional salary funds will be used in temporary per-diem assignments by community leaders, white and Negro, appropriately spaced over the state. They propose to make no great effort to build up a membership body, but wish to serve as a coordinating Council of active organizations related, or potentially related, to the field of human relations. By-Laws to confirm this type of operation are in preparation, and have in outline been approved by us.

The above states we regard as launched as of October 1, 1954.

For the remainder, we contemplate getting going over the next couple of months.

Texas. Texas, through its Texas Commission on Race Relations (long affiliated with SRC), has had a number of meetings looking toward the employment of paid staff by October 1. They have about settled on a candidate, but wish to make some further inquiry about him before making the arrangement final.

Florida. The Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council has had a couple of meetings during the Summer, and will be visited in early October by people from here, who believe that a program can be got going within a few weeks time.

Mississippi. Our membership there is small, and the situation is tense, and from our present weakened base, and in the absence for the Summer of our chairman there, no settled course has been agreed upon. It is being visited in early October.

Tennessee. In Tennessee a general meeting of the members of the Southern Regional Council will convene October 12 at Nashville, under the leadership of Mr. Dan May, a hosiery manufacturer of Nashville. The Southern Regional Council's membership in the state was for two or three years organized into a Tennessee Division, but we found that the makeup of Tennessee, in three or even four distinct parts, worked against sustained activity by a state organisation, and the Tennessee Division was disbanded two years back. We have the active assistance of Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor of the Chattanooga Times in getting it going again. We, here, are attempting to encourage an arrangement in Tennessee for four local chapters with only a loose connection between them.

Virginia. In Virginia we have done no more than reach a verbal understanding with the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, that the Southern Regional Council will be assisted by them in forming a non-sectarian race relations organisation in the state. I suppose it will be November or December before this is actually done.

Arkansas. In Arkansas, several meetings have been held with the assistance of Harry Ashmore, and it is intended at an appropriate time a little later to call together a group of people who will launch again the almost negligible organisation of the Southern Regional Council in Arkansas -- this time with paid staff.

So the arithmetic is that six of the states are going with paid staff October 1, and two or three more will probably be set up during October. We consider that satisfactory progress, and are indeed rather pleased that almost entirely by their own efforts, with little more than telephone calls and a good deal of correspondence, plus visits by Mr. Parrish, this much has been accomplished.

STAFF:

We employed, effective June 1, as Associate Executive Director, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, who is on leave to this job from the position of Secretary to the Urban League. She has been helpful in linking us to the Negro leadership of the South, and in shaping our policy thought.

We took on, September 1, Mr. Frederick B. Routh as an Assistant Director. He was brought up in Coral Gables, Florida; went to the University of Miami; took the Master's degree in human relations and history; did a little law; and has completed a good deal of his work toward a Doctorate degree in human relations from New York University. During the war he served as an officer in Naval Air Intelligence as Public Information Officer. He was one of the small group who were active in the establishment of the Dade County Council on Human Relations, the first municipally sponsored agency in this field in the South, and has done a lot of community development work in the Miami area. He ran for Congress in the Miami area in 1954, and captured about half as many votes as the man who got elected. Routh is 31. We have loaded on him much of the field travel involved in launching and relating this office to state programs; title -- Assistant Director for Program Development.

Routh has an opposite number in C. H. Parrish of the University of Louisville, as a Consultant and Assistant Director in Charge of Program Development. Mr. Parrish is the one Negro professor taken over in the consolidation of the former Louisville Municipal College with the University of Louisville. He travelled extensively during February and March for the Southern Regional Council in Louisiana and Alabama, and again this Summer in five or six of the states, singling out leadership persons of both races. With them he explored the matter of a desired course of action for the proposed new state organizations, and much of the accomplishment thus far should be attributed to his wisdom and skill in the interviews he arranged. He went, particularly, to North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and Florida. As his teaching duties will keep him most of the time in Kentucky, he will be active in the growth of the Kentucky program. Our arrangement with him is that he can give us several days a month outside Kentucky as a consultant at $35.00 a day plus travel.

Mrs. Hamilton we have altered in title from Associate Director to Assistant Director for Program Planning.

Associate Staff in State Groups. We have come, during the Summer months to the virtual surrender of a proposal we made earlier with the states that additional professional staff be employed jointly by two or more states. The states have not liked it and personnel has not seemed readily available for such split assignments. We have urged all the states to employ on their own a full-time Associate Executive, or, as most of them will more likely do, appoint one, two, or three persons as associates who will serve as consultants and will assist the growth of and service the organization in their own areas. It is expected that such consultants will attend all staff meetings and we propose for them a per diem of $20.00 a day plus travel. This seems a workable interim device, but we hope to push it on to the stage where most of the states do have co-equal white and Negro personnel full-time.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

During the past three months, the Council has continued to service information requests, by mail, telephone, and in person, from newspapers and news agencies. Among those assisted: Associated Press, United Press, Time, Newsweek, Christian Science Monitor, New York Times, Washington Star.

Stories about the Council itself and/or its executive director have appeared in Southern and non-Southern publications -- even as distant as the Manchester Guardian. The most widespread publicity resulted from an Associated Press Newsfeatures series on segregation in the South, prepared by staffwriter Bem Price. One article was devoted wholly to the Council and its work.

Harold Fleming was one of the panelists on an ABC Network broadcast, Town Meeting of the Air, in August; subject: school integration.

CONSULTATIVE SERVICES:

Staff members have been in steady demand as advisors to organizations and individuals with some special concern for race relations. Examples: faculty adviser for a Colgate group planning field work in the Atlanta area; director of the Herald-Tribune Forum; field worker for the U. S. Public Health Service; editor of the alumni magazine of a private (segregated university, and so forth at length. The Council in mid-September arranged a conference with appropriate people in Atlanta for the Cornell group carrying out an assignment for the Ford Foundation's Behavioral Sciences Division.

FOREIGN VISITORS:

Increasingly, the Council is called on to play host to foreign visitors brought to this country by U. S. Government programs or by private exchange organizations. Quite often, we are asked to assume full responsibility for scheduling the visitor's stay in Atlanta -- interesting and useful, though extremely time-consuming. In other instances, we are called on to spend an hour or two of staff time briefing the visitor on the South and, particularly, race relations. Some idea of the variety of this visiting stream is suggested by the following selected list out of the last three months:

Daniel Roth, Switzerland, journalist
Michael Stewart, England, Labor M.P.
John Hall, England, Conservative M.P.
Ernst S. Schlange-Schoeningen, Agricultural Secretary, German Embassy
Theodore Lefevre, Belgium, Chamber of Deputies
Djuka Julius, Jugoslavia, journalist
Madhav Kamath, India, journalist
International student group, representing eight countries
Hendrik Vos, Netherlands, vice-president Dutch Labor Party

FINANCE:

Miss Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, will report in a few days when she has had opportunity to obtain the auditor's review of the figures for the past quarter.

FIELD RELEASES:

Copies are attached of Memoranda #4, 5, and 6.

CENTRAL OFFICE POLICY BOARDS:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met July 30th and reviewed and approved arrangements as made thus far. The entire Board of the Council will meet November 10, at Atlanta.

PROGRAM ITEMS:

The Council had the benefit of travel in the Eastern Carolinas during July and August by a Disciples of Christ minister, Sam Freeman, from a church in East Orange, New Jersey. His is a native of the area in which he travelled and stimulated bi-racial meetings for discussion on school problems — and that is a difficult area. His travel and salary were without expense to the Council, though we contributed the pamphlet, Answers for Action: Schools in the South, which he got out to those with whom he discussed the proposal in local communities. He has made a report of his trip which now joins similar reports made by other assigned church connected persons. It will be recalled that we have argued strongly that segregation in the schools can best be got to crumble from the mountain counties toward the older parts of the South more heavily affected by the plantation system. In development of this idea, the Council put some money this Summer into an unbudgeted item. We arranged for travel by Robert Menafee, a young economist from Berea College in Kentucky, to a series of mountain places in North Carolina, Southwest Virginia, and Eastern Tennessee. His method was to introduce himself to editors, ministers, school officials, and other community leaders and discuss with them the practicability of local steps toward early integration. His reception varied considerably, but by and large it was seen that he carried a workable and, in some places, quite tempting idea. He is now preparing a full report based upon his weekly letters to us, and we hope in an early issue of New South to summarize his experiences. His full report will be sent to a selected number of people with whom he talked during the Summer months. This travel and salary has cost us about $1,700.52. But we thought its promise of early and peaceful action so fine that we went ahead with it. And we are satisfied that the investment was a wise one.

Answers for Action: Schools in the South has now sold 18,000 copies, of which the first 4,000 went out to our own members and mailing list. The following are among the major and more significant orders received for it:

Congress of Industrial Organizations, Washington, D. C.	1000
National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, N. Y.	1600
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church, N. Y.	250
Methodist Pastors' School, Sullins College, Virginia	200
Division of Church Relations, Presbyterian Church of U. S.	99
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Savannah, Ga.	100
International Ladies Garment Workers Union, N. Y.	75
Georgia Teachers Education Association, Atlanta	1000
St. Peter's Catholic Church, Jackson, Miss.	100
General Board of Education, the Methodist Church	410
Mississippi Economic Council, Jackson, Miss.	120
Unitarian Blue Ridge Conference, Knoxville, Tenn.	50
American Jewish Committee, Miami, Fla.	200
Friendship House, Shreveport, La.	50
National Conference of Christians and Jews, N. Y.	100
Phelps-Stokes Fund, N. Y.	50
Catholic Committee of the South, Rock Hill, S. C.	2500
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Atlanta	40

Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn.	50
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York	20
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, New York	100
American Labor Education Service, New York	20
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Miami, Fla.	50
Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention	100
Howard W. Odum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	50
League of Women Voters of Texas	20
Progressive Farmer, Birmingham, Alabama	20
Judge J. Waties Waring, New York	15
League of Women Voters of the U. S., Washington, D. C.	20
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., New York	100
Virginia Council of Churches, Richmond, Virginia, (which includes coverage of each member of the Governor's Special Legislative Committee on the Schools).	100
Virginia Council of Churches, Richmond, Virginia, (to be distributed to every elder in the Southern Presbyterian Church in Virginia)	1000
Catholic Interracial Council of New York	100
Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio	300
The Armed Services Department, YMCA, New York	100
Kentucky Teachers Association, Louisville	100
United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	100
National Conference of Christians and Jews, Louisville, Ky.	100
Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, New York	500
American Friends Service Committee, Washington, D. C. (Community Relations Program)	50
American Missionary Association Division, Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches, Race Relations Department, New York	100
Maryland Council of United Church Women, Baltimore, Maryland	50
Mrs. C. E. Tatum, Birmingham, Alabama	50
The American Jewish Committee, Southeast Area Office, Miami, Florida	50

The pamphlet has been widely praised in private letters and in notices in the general press, and in the religious and other special-interest publications. We hardly feel like boasting of the temperateness of the South in meeting the Supreme Court's decision, but we do think that the many thousands of readers of the pamphlet are serving as enlighteners in corners otherwise obscure.

GENERAL PICTURE:

I hesitate at this time to summarize the situation in the South as to the school matter. There seems to have been earlier in the Summer a general feeling on the part of officialdom in four or five, at least, of the Southern states, that compliance could be worked out without a great deal of difficulty. During the Summer, the attitude of public officials has hardened a good deal. In most of the states now, many responsible persons have persuaded themselves that evasions can be successfully practiced for a long time to come, and the hard work is being done on how to get around the decision, and not on how to enforce it. Possibly the final decrees of the court when they come out will clarify this situation. But in any case it becomes clearer and clearer that the great lack in the South is supporting public opinion for unsegregated schools.

We have put our main effort on finding out how to build such opinion and increasing it. We have struck some quite useful channels, and are using them as best we can from the central office. As the state programs get going we should be able to magnify and localise that work with opinion-forming groups. I have put it graphically by saying that the democratic institutions of the Western World are put here to a severe strain — a strain which comes on a spot noticeably weak in the democratic tradition any way: Here's a two-strand cotton rope, one strand white and the other strand black. Because the two have never been twined together the rope is weak, and it has now upon it a frightening stretch. Signs are a'plenty that the rope is popping. It looks as though the only available substitute cord is what the churches may be about to spin across the breach. Maybe there are other cords too, and we will try to find them. But the best hope is for getting the whole of the doctrine of the churches to bear for peaceful local performance toward compliance with the decision.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 7, 1954

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"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October
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Mr. Harry S. Jones
Yorkmount Road
Route 3
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have got an engagement at Asheville this coming Saturday, October 9, and again at Salisbury, Tuesday evening October 12. I thought I would spend some of Sunday in conference with the President of the Council, Marion Wright, at Linville Falls, and be in Charlotte most of Monday, October 11, to talk with you.

I hope it will not inconvenience you to be available that day. Unless I hear from you ahead of time, I will simply arrive in Charlotte in the early afternoon of the 11th and telephone your home.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 7, 1954

Mr. R. Beverley Herbert
Palmetto Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Herbert:

We are deeply grateful for your kind contribution to the Southern Regional Council, which reached us today from Marion Wright.

This is a time of special stress and it heartens us all to have this evidence of your warmth and sympathy.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Marion A. Wright

October 7, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We ought to be receiving pretty soon from Guy Johnson or the young man who assisted him statistically, a finished report on the statistical compilation of the questionnaires re Equal Penalties.

If you have not already received the finished document, would you be good enough to prompt the right person for getting it in?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 7, 1954

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Dear Marion:

I have drafted, tentatively, this letter to go out to state chairmen. It is being subjected to review in this office, and I will be grateful for your kindness in making any changes or modifications as you may desire.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

October 7, 1954

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1511 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have heard no more from you. Various of the other states are actively launching their programs on the new basis as of October 1. That includes North Carolina, Alabama, and Kentucky. Georgia and Louisiana employed some staff earlier in the Summer, but may be regarded as also fully launching their programs as of October 1. What are the plans in South Carolina?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Richard Foster

September 7, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

Never did an organization have a more thoughtful, faithful, wise, and helpful member and officer than you have been for the Southern Regional Council. We are deeply grateful for your years of conscientious leadership to us, and are most sorry for you to resign. But we have learned from experience to trust your good judgement.

Do come to the meeting of the Board November 10, and give us your active help for this last time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Marion A. Wright

October 7, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Katherine Stoney

From: George S. Mitchell

Notwithstanding the fact that earlier a lengthy mimeographed document notified the Board members of the meeting November 10, I suggest that we, at an early date, send around a postcard notification with request for return of intent.

October 7, 1954

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President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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October 7, 1954

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"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Many thanks for Mr. Herbert's $50.00, which is a handsome item. Here's my letter to him. We sent him with the letter an official receipt.

I am hoping that Mrs. Wright will be safely back from the hospital by the time of my visit on Sunday. Suppose I plan to reach your home about 2:00 Sunday afternoon.

I have, unfortunately, violated the letter of the Executive Committee's instruction on Fred Routh, and no less on Mr. Parrish. But the Routh case had a good many complications and I was under pressure to get an undelayed decision on it. But the least I could have done would have been to have written out to you and to Mr. Clement well ahead of Routh's entrance on duty.

I had hoped until about the time of the Executive Committee meeting on July 30, that Earl Brewer at Emory would take the job as principal field man. You will remember that I was at pains at least to contrive for you to see Brewer. Brewer's circumstances in the Candler School of Theology job altered somewhat after we had talked about a job, and I had offered him a salary of what I knew would be pretty well less than enough to tempt him over, and he wrote me -- as I recall -- about July 28th or 29th that he would prefer to stay in his present job.

Fred Routh I had known in my several trips to Miami, one, two, or three years back, and I had told him that if later on he were out of a job and I had opportunity to use him, I would like him to get in touch with us before taking a job somewhere else. Fred called me late in July and said he was trying to make up his mind what to do next. He had a tempting offer from Dillard University to teach there, and he was being sought, also, for a business connection in Miami. Was I interested in using him? Fred had an early deadline on his reply to Dillard, and if we were to make him an offer from here, it had to be done formally after a lapse of only a few days. My best recollection is that I went back from Executive Committee meeting on July 30 and talked by telephone with Fred in Miami, and told him we would like to have him. Our telephone bill shows calls for Miami on July 28 and July 30.

I first talked with Fred in terms of $7,000 or $7,500, but then after conference with the remainder of the staff told him I could only give him $6,500, subject to review at the end of six months. All of this was in active negotiation at the time of the Executive Committee meeting. Subsequently, Fred came to Atlanta and was interviewed by Harold and Mrs. Hamilton, and a few days later was interviewed in Florida by Mr. Parrish. With what I knew of him myself, plus the confirming good opinion of the other staff members, I thought that a wise decision had been made to offer him a place. Actually he entered on duty about September 1.

I freely acknowledge my duty to have, at the very least, reported the whole negotiation to the Personnel Committee, and a technical duty to have made no commitment to Routh until opportunity had been had to enable his papers and record to be seen by the Committee. On the latter point, all I plead is that we were all under pressure to get the field work going, and that the new arrangement had been made a matter of hours only before I did, under pressure of Fred's circumstances (as well as our own), make the arrangement with him. I am writing you and Mr. Clement and hope that the Committee will agree that the action was a wise one. In the event that the Committee does not agree as to his qualifications, I will be willing, myself, to notify him that at the conclusion of approximately twelve months of employment, we would let him go.

I am in agreement with the purpose of the Executive Committee in establishing the Personnel Committee to review salaries and personnel selections at the professional level ahead of employment. There is no thought on my part of anything but punctilious compliance with that arrangement for future actions.

As to Leonard and the amendment to the By-Laws, I sent the matter over on a memorandum to Leonard, and after a few days went over and talked with him. Leonard told me that he thought the protective clause in the By-Laws as to non-agency might have merit in a court decision, and therefore he gave it his approval. Some days later I sent Fred Routh over with a couple of matters relating to the By-Laws to check with Leonard, and Routh said that Leonard had been quite clear that in view of the close connection of the state personnel with this office the state personnel would be regarded as our agents, and that he, Haas, saw no need of including that clause in the By-Laws. So, I asked Routh, from his fresh understanding of what Haas had said, to write you of the matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 8, 1954

Mr. N. W. Holland
Cotton Plant
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holland:

I am impressed by the point of your letter. Anyone who knows the South knows that it has often and long, though not everywhere to anything like the same degree, been the Negro's lot to experience the degrading oppressions to which you refer.

As a matter of procedure for getting things around to the kind of South we would all like to see, it seems to me not wise to make much allusion to the events or the circumstances of that old burden of unfairness. Historians have the task of making that evaluation and, surely, religion teaches us that God makes that evaluation.

Meanwhile, it behooves us all to push ahead from where we are. And one of the things that most enables progress is the great mercy that the Negro people harbor out of their experience so small a measure of embitterment.

I send you, as showing my own views, a talk I made a few days ago to a Negro group and for the radio here in Atlanta.

I am sure that if you and I could sit down together, we would have some fruitful conversations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 8, 1954

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
RFD 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

You wrote us in July that you would hold the matter of Dr. Lawless until you had a chance to see him after September 1.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 8, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

An amendment should be made to my letter of October 7. The compensation we have agreed to for Mr. Parrish is not $35.00 a day plus expenses, but $35.00 per day plus actual mileage expense, whether by rail or by car. The $35.00 will, therefore, include hotel, meals, and other expenses than actual travel mileage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Marion Wright

October 8, 1954

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I send you, as of interest, this copy of a resolution of the Georgia State Democratic Committee made at its Convention in Macon, September 30.

I have not sent this around generally, but wanted you to see a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 8, 1954

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 8, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

'Tis a small point, but do please, when the official Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, July 30, are put into the book, be sure the proposed organization chart mentioned on page three of the mimeographed version of the Minutes be drawn into the minute book.

October 8, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harold C. Fleming

FROM: George S. Mitchell

If there is opportunity to submit names of persons for whom we will request subscriptions to Southern School News, I would suggest Marion Wright, Gordon Hancock, and Rufus Clement.

You could also add Robert Hughes at a Montgomery address, obtainable, let us hope, in the next few days from Fred Routh. Also, Harry Jones at an office address to be obtained.

October 8, 1954

Mr. Lewis Deer
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

We are all greatly pleased with the publication, The Church and Minority Groups.

We would like to order fifteen copies and enclose our check for $3.75.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 8, 1954

Hotel New Yorker
Thirty-Fourth Street at 8th Avenue
New York 1, New York

Gentlemen:

You are very kindly holding a room for me for the evening of October 18th. I shall now be arriving by plane at 7:31 p.m. International Airport, October 17, and would appreciate your holding the room for me until at least 9:00 the night of October 17. Expect to stay three nights.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

copy to Mr. Parrish

October 8, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Regarding the matter of Thomas S. Sutherland: He wrote us saying that he was interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council in the State of Texas, and that he had a good professional background in human relations. It is my understanding that he is not interested in the job of Executive Director of the Texas Division of SRC, but is interested in working with your group on a consultant basis. I suggested that he contact you because such arrangements are properly in the hands of the state organizations.

Since the Ford Foundation did not provide us with sufficient funds to hire two co-equal executive secretaries for each state, we are now thinking of one executive secretary for each state and the utilization of a consultant from time to time as he is needed. We have suggested that they be paid $20.00 a day (per diem) plus expenses involved. They would receive this pay only while on active duty for specific limited periods, working with out own executive secretaries.

I look forward to seeing you and meeting you soon when I come out to Texas.

I would like to suggest that you hold your annual meeting the last week in October or the very first part of November so that your newly elected person can come to our Board meeting here in Atlanta November 10. It would be well to -- if at all feasible -- have selected your Executive Secretary prior to your annual meeting, or at least prior to the November 10 meeting here.

What is the status of Gibson Gray's application for the job?

Anything we can do here to help, please let us know and we shall be pleased to work in cooperation with you to build in Texas a stronger program for SRC.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for Program Development

FBR/eab

October 8, 1954

Mr. Norman Gore
Church of the Epiphany
502 Seminole Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gore:

I have the world's worst record for coming to the meetings of the Men's Club. Most of the members heard me do a background talk on Southern problems some three years ago. I have some doubts that it was thought more than passably helpful.

Why not leave to the membership of the Men's Club if they want me to come. If they do, of course I will be most happy to get into any meeting that I can be in town for -- and most likely it could be worked out fairly soon.

Meanwhile, I will come for the November 7th meeting at 8:00 p.m., for the young people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 8, 1954

Eastern Air Lines
Chattanooga,
Tennessee

Gentlemen:

I have booked passage via Flight W548 for October 17, 1954, to New York City. I shall be arriving at Chattanooga airport by private car and shall not have opportunity in advance of arrival to confirm this reservation made today in Atlanta. I hope you will be good enough to treat this letter as confirmation from me, and will hold space for my trip.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 8, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I had asked the United Christian Missionary Society, Board of Missions and Education, of the Disciples of Christ, to consider at their forthcoming meeting the provision in their budget some such item as $250 for the SRC. In addition, I have written Morris Abram and asked him about a project which he held out sometime ago of a contribution from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Morris Abram has written to the leading Atlanta Rabbi, who works with him on the Board of American Hebrew Congregations, and requested the Rabbi to join him in the effort to get such a contribution. We have mentioned the figure of $5,000.

Mrs. Hamilton, in a recent New York conference with Frank Loescher, with our approval, asked about the possibility of our obtaining $10,000 to enable the Council to handle the large volume of services to foreign visitors who come to us for briefing. It is possible that some of the agencies who bring in these persons, or some small foundations related to that cause, may be of assistance of this kind to us.

Additionally, I have made, as you doubtless know, a proposal to the Doris Duke Foundation for substantial aid to us -- on the order of $15,000 a year for three years -- for a fact-gathering and research interpretation program. A program for which provision was not made by the Fund for the Republic.

I shall be going to New York in the third week of this month and will discuss this program with the Doris Duke Foundation.

You may remember that Max Hahn, for the Field Foundation, somewhat brusquely rejected a request from us for $10,000 for assistance to New South. I will go and see Max Hahn for general advice!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 8, 1954

Dictated October 6

Mr. Guy Wells
Executive Secretary
The Georgia Interracial Committee
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

I discussed yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Tilly the perplexing problem of the size of the Board of the Georgia Interracial Committee. She informed me that the Committee had customarily proceeded with the help of an informal body called the Administrative Committee, which was composed of the officers of the Georgia Interracial Committee.

As there was so much opposition to the idea of a smaller and more manageable Executive Board, it occurred to me that your By-Laws might suitably be amended to provide for a large Board meeting once a year, with provision that between meetings of the Board, the business of the Committee might be conducted by quarterly meetings of an Administrative Committee.

We have no particular interest in the governmental structure of the Georgia Committee one way or another, and would be disposed to approve whatever seems workable, economical, and wise to the Georgia Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 8, 1954

Mr. Abner Nash Locklear
Vicinity Prospect
RFD
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Abner:

I have probably sent you this sheet which reaches me annually from the John Hay Whitney Foundation. I know that it goes to Mr. Wellons.

For one reason or another, so Mr. Wellons told me a year or so ago, none of the several applications that have gone up the the John Hay Whitney Foundation have ever had the luck to achieve the desired fellowship. But I know there is interest in the John Hay Whitney Foundation in the people around Pembroke. So, if you happen to know of someone with a neatly packagable job of further study to do, I suggest you let him or her know of this opportunity. It will probably be wisest for the application to go forward with the assistance of Mr. Wellons.

Do keep in mind that we want you to come to Atlanta whenever you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 8, 1954

Mr. Richard J. Foster
Curb Market Building
P. O. Box 1325
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Dick:

You will find me coming through back and forth, and I hope sometime to give you enough notice to make me invitable to the supper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 8, 1954

Mr. Oran C. Zaebst
Christ Church
P. O. Box 2179
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Zaebst:

We have sent off the fifty copies of Answers for Action, for your Department of Christian Social Relations.

We think of fifty copies as a quantity order, and price them at $7.50 plus postage.

If we can help you in any way, we wish to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Bill sent under separate cover.

October 11, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Charles Hamilton, who lives in North Mississippi, wrote in the other day to say that an Episcopal Rector named Hewitt Vinnedge, at McComb, would doubtless wish to be helpful to the new movement in Mississippi. So, if you agree, he could be added to your list of cultivables.

Hamilton himself, of course, wishes to be helpful. While I agree with much of his thinking, I have found that there is reluctance in the State to join in his causes, and I suggest that you make your consultations about him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 11, 1954

Mr. Charles G. Hamilton
St. Paul's
Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Charles:

Thanks for dope on good man at McComb, which I have sent on to Mantinband. Our new assistant Fred Routh, ex-Miami, has just been over to talk with Mantinband, and expects the Mississippi bunch to get a'moving.

Come to see us!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 11, 1954

Mr. Freeman Drake, Sr.
P. O. Box 17
Standing Rock, Alabama

Dear Mr. Drake:

Come to see us if you get over here. You will always be a welcome visitor.

The Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council employed October 1st a Methodist minister named Robert Hughes, and he has just in the last few days opened an office in Montgomery, at an address not yet notified to me. But presumably he will be letting all the Alabama members know where it is.

Also as of October 1st we are transferring all SRC members in Alabama to the rolls of the Alabama Division of SRC, which now becomes an independent organization, affiliated with SRC. Some good people are helping to get it moving, and I believe there will be more results under this new arrangement than under the old one.

New South will continue to be sent to all members of the Alabama Division, being mailed from this office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 11, 1954

Mr. James B. O'Shaughnessy
Office of Law Development
Loyola University
School of Law
41 East Pearson Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Shaughnessy:

Dr. Mitchell is out of the city and will not return until Wednesday, October 13th. I am, therefore, sending you separately two copies of Answers for Action, which contains the map you refer to in your letter of October 6.

Answers for Action sells at 20¢ apiece, and in quantity at $15.00 a hundred plus postage. The charge for these two pamphlets will be 40¢ only, as we do not add postage for so small a quantity.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary

eab/

October 12, 1954

Mr. Max K. Gilstrap
Chief, Central News Bureau
Christian Science Monitor
333 North Michigan Ave.
Chicago 1, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gilstrap:

When I recently returned from a three-months' leave of absence Mr. Fleming asked me to prepare a packet of material on recent developments in race relations in the South for your use. I hope that the enclosed issues of New South and the typewritten appendages will be helpful. Should there be any particular gap you would like filled in, I willdo my best to run down the information.

There is no material in the packet on de-segregation at the public school level since I assume that you are on the mailing list of the Southern Education Reporting Service. If you are not, the second issue of Southern School News, summarizing activity on the public school front, state by state, is just out. Their address: P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Hashville 5, Tenn.

I am sorry that you had to wait so long for this information.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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October 14, 1954

Mr. William H. Oliver
U.A.W. - C.I.O.
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Fine! We do appreciate the order for 200 copies of Answers for Action. Shipped today with the bill.

Do send them out; they will do good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 14, 1954

The Librarian
Mississippi College
Clinton, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

As a fledgling instructor, my father, I believe, taught for a year or two at Mississippi College at some date remote in the 1880s. Certainly I remember that he often spoke warmly of the College.

He turned out a manuscript of memoirs some years before his death. We haven't pursued very hard nor found a publisher and my wife and I this Summer made a mimeographed edition of 150 copies.

I take pleasure in sending a copy to the College through you.

The suit box full of family photographs at home contained in my boyhood a group picture of Mississippi College in about 1887, which used to rejoice me with its beards. I asked my sister to retrieve that picture, and it comes along with the book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Book sent under separate cover this date)

October 14, 1954

Miss Sophie Van S. Thies
Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Thies:

You very kindly said I might come to see you Tuesday morning, October 19th at 11:00. The Herald-Tribune Forum, without letting me know ahead of time scheduled a hold-over session for the speakers on that same Tuesday morning, beginning at 10:00 at Hunter College. As they pay the freight for getting me up there, I feel obligated to go. Howsomever, I have found a way to arrive in New York Sunday night, the 17th, which gives me the morning of the 18th somewhat free.

I will call your office Monday morning and see whether it will be possible for me to come during the course of Monday morning, or whether it would be agreeable for me to come at some other time when you would be available. And, if need be, I will depart from the Trib's meeting to get to your office on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

October 14, 1954

Mrs. Walter T. Nolte
1309 Dale Drive
Silver Springs, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Nolte:

I read your thesis with deepening distress. Nothing wrong with the thesis! Good thesis! But frightening situation!

I hope you can tell us when I get up there what kind of a survey was made back in '47. It seems to me that some convulsive effort is going to have to be made to arouse public opinion and cause it to be willing to pay the taxes needed to apply modern services to this needy community.

I look forward to meeting you next week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

October 14, 1954

Mrs. Helen E. Amerman
5439 South Kimbark
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Amerman:

We don't do anything that I would call original research. The role we covet for ourselves is one of research interpretation -- down from the books to the folks and up from the folks to the book-doers.

We do, once a year in September, find out how many Southern cities have Negro police personnel. And, occasionally, we write out and get in special information on recreational facilities, or Negro firemen, or something like that. But to tell you the truth, our research is a hope.

We ought to have some people who could manage an up and down flow of info about research works and needs, but haven't got any such people and haven't got any money to hire them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 14, 1954

Mr. George S. Mitchell will be happy to be present at the reception in honor of Speakers at the Herald-Tribune Forum Tuesday evening, October nineteenth following the final session at eleven o'clock Perroquet Suite, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York.

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary

October 14, 1954

Reverend J. H. Jackson
National Baptist Convention
3101 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Many thanks for your letter of October 7.

I think the Arkansas plan will get things going. We will ship 100 copies to you January 15. Please let us know the appropriate Hot Springs address to which to send them.

Kind of you to be willing to receive the bill for the 100 copies.

I greatly want the active cooperation of the National Baptist Convention in bettering public opinion in the South and elsewhere on this matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 14, 1954

The Reverend Frank Stanford Persons II
Emanuel Episcopal Church
Opelika, Alabama

Dear Mr. Persons:

I never heard of Dr. R. W. Greene, and can find nobody else who has. I would judge that to be one of the many "personal" organizations which appear from time to time.

I read Hodding Carter's article in the Readers Digest. With much of it, of course, I agree, but Hodding Carter always strikes the note that if the North would leave us alone, we could work it out all right. But the truth is that the North isn't going to leave us alone until we do work it out -- and shouldn't! This is not to minimize the vast progress we do make; it is just being realistic.

I still think the best recommendation is for small local discussion meetings. The thing is going to be worked out town by town, and county by county. Where there is agreement, it will work well. Where there is disagreement (which will generally mean that there won't have been any joint discussion at all) is where the trouble will be.

The whole matter severely tests the strength of the tradition of democracy in America and, as so often happens, the test comes at one of the weak points. It seems to me to be the duty of the Church to spin the rope of Christian brotherhood and understanding which can hold things together as the former pseudo-rope begins to stretch to the popping point.

I was sorry after the meeting at Camp McDowell that I had not used a more generally approvable approach in the discussion. I guess the truth is that I have accustomed myself to talking to audiences of people anxious to work their way up in Southern life. I daresay I could have had more general approval if I would have appealed to the group at Camp McDowell on their leadership duties in this crisis of Southern life. Goodness knows that note is still there, although I didn't strike it much!

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 14, 1954

Miss Georgene Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Gene:

While I was on my last run, Frank Loescher called from New York and talked to Harold Fleming. A luncheon has been a'brewing with ADL and other agencies to talk about Milford desegregation material and other matters. They set it at 12:30 on Tuesday, October 19, which is the time of your and my luncheon with Bob Weaver. Loescher was told that this was the arrangement, and he said for goodness sake to get Miss Lovecky and Bob Weaver to come to the luncheon with the others. Sounds all right with me, and I hope it will be all right with you and Bob.

I do not know where the Loescher luncheon is to be, but I will know shortly after I get to New York and I will call you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Frank Loescher

October 14, 1954

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Loescher:

Yes I will be at the Herald-Tribune clean-up meeting at 10:00 October 19. Hope to see you there. The moment I get to New York I will confirm with Freeman the engagement with him and you the afternoon of October 19th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 14, 1954

Miss Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Y.W.C.A.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Miss Ennis:

I am perfectly willing to come to Baton Rouge, November 13 and 14. You understand that the YMCA-YWCA Conferen will have to find the travel money.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 14, 1954

To: Fred Routh

It seems to me that these items furnish the basis for an item of procedure from you as head procedure guy?

October 14, 1954

Miss Harriet Doar
2423 Vail Avenue
Apartment A-12
Charlotte 7, North Carolina

Dear Miss Doar:

I am tied up till December with meetings in Boston, Shreveport, etc.

The nearest I could come to it would be to take advantage of an engagement at Anderson, South Carolina, Tuesday, December 14, and go on from Anderson to be with you in Charlotte, Wednesday, December 15.

That wouldn't cost you but about ten or twelve dollars for the travel from Anderson to Charlotte and back from Anderson.

Our people in North Carolina have just picked up Harry Jones. Why not book him as your speaker for any one of those evenings and let me stay at home and rake leaves? But if you want me to leave the leaves, I am willing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 14, 1954

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Winston-Salem Journal
P. O. Box 2509
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

I am back to my desk today after going from Asheville to Salisbury to talk to a woman's club group. Very nice to have your letter.

All of us were honored to be invited to appear before that group. I don't think any of us did the subject justice, but certainly each of us put on a display of honesty and sincerity.

I am sure Mr. Boyd will duly come through with a handsome check, which will certainly cover my expenses, and will certainly assist our Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 15, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Fair enough. I will call you the morning of October 21, and will be on hand for a 4:15 meeting and will be available anywhere you say for the meeting. Dinner and so on sounds fine.

I will sleep that night at the Cosmos Club, 2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. DUpont 7-7783.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 15, 1954

Mr. Herbert Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

We would miss you, but you and I lately talked and you will be carefully informed of what goes in Florida. I think the Board meeting will be tolerably attended. So all in all were I in your shoes I would stay at Boca Raton.

Fred Routh tells me that Dunlap proposed a meeting in November that will elect officers and move further toward setting up the Florida organization anew.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 15, 1954

Mrs. Myra B. Millsaps
Box 35
Daisy, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Millsaps:

I am afraid we do not have any information or materials that will be directly useful to you in your survey of opinion on school segregation in Hamilton County. We have letters from time to time from students working on attitude and opinion studies in that area, but I have never seen any of the studies in print, and our Council has not published anything along that line. I am sending under separate cover two recent publications related to the school segregation question in the South which should be of interest.

If you have not already looked at this summer's Journal of Negro Education Yearbook, "Next Steps in Racial Desegregation in Eudcation," there are several articles in it which should help you with background on communities in the process of racial desegregation.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

P. S. It just occured to me that you might be able to secure a copy of the brief which Attorney General Richard W. Ervin, State Capitol Building, Tallahassee, Fla. filed with the Supreme Court this fall as a friend of the Court in the further hearings on school segregation. The brief includes a report of a survey of opinions concerning school segregation in sample counties in different parts of Flroida.

October 15, 1954

Mr. Clotye Murdock
Associate Editor
Ebony Magazine
1820 South Michigan Ave.
Chicago 16, Ill.

Dear Mr. Murdock:

I hope the enclosed material will be useful in your annual summary of Negro Progress.

If we can be of further help, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

October 15, 1954

The Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would be grateful if the Club would save an inexpensive room for me for the night of Thursday, October 21st.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 15, 1954

Dictated October 14

Dr. Herman G. Canady
Professor of Psychology
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

Dear Dr. Canady:

Thanks a whole lot for your kindness in sending me "The Psychology of the American Negro." I am just back from riding all around North Carolina, but mighty soon I will read it all and with profit.

Elizabeth Storey Brantley is my secretary and your sometime student and friend.

Maybe you ought to think about joining our Council. It would cost you $5.00, but you would get a mighty good magazine!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 18, 1954

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I am afraid I don't get to Sally Jane's wedding November 5th. I promised to be in Nashville the 4th and 5th, and can't very well have Alice be with me for that one. So, there couldn't be the two of us at Knoxville. And the best way to rejoice at weddings is with one's own wife.

But tell Sally Jane that she has a strong supporter in Atlanta, and that the Mitchells take the husband-to-be into the family.

Mighty nice to see you at Asheville. And you also had out the respect and rice theme song.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

October 19, 1954

Miss Helen E. Wessells
Editor, Library Journal
c/o R. W. Bowker Co., Publishers
62 W. 45 St.
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Miss Wessells:

I am sending the enclosed copies of "The Color Line in Southern Libraries" at the request of Miss Lura Currier of the Mississippi Library Commission.

Should you want additional copies, we will be glad to fill your order. Back issues of NEW SOUTH, in which the article appeared, sell at ten cents each.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl

cc: Lura Currier

October 19, 1954

Mrs.
~~Miss~~ Lura Currier
Mississippi Library Commission
403 State Office Building
Jackson, Miss.

Dear ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Currier:

We appreciated your referring Miss Wessells to "The Color Line in Southern Libraries" and have sent her three copies (see enclosure).

I am sending you several additional copies under separate cover.

You will be interested in the fact that Richmond, Va., Charlottesville, Va., Columbia, S. C. and Lufkin, T x. now give full service to Negroes at their main public libraries.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl

October 20, 1954

Mr. Samuel White, Jr.
Route 5, Box 173
Dublin, Ga.

Dear Mr. White:

In answer to your recent letter, the Negro population in the United States is as follows:

1930 — 11,891,143
1940 — 12,865,518
1950 — 14,894,000

Since 1920, the Negro population in the United States has made up ten per cent or one-tenth of the total population. Before 1920 Negroes made up a slightly higher percentage of the total population.

Georgia's Negro population is as follows:

1930 — 1,071,125
1940 — 1,085,445
1950 — 1,064,005

As you see from the figures, Georgia's Negro population is getting smaller. Negroes now make up 31% or almost one-third of the total population. In 1930 the Negro population in Georgia made up 37% of the total.

I am sending a booklet called "America's Tenth Man" under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

October 21, 1954

Mrs. Alice F. Dalbey
American Library Association
Fifty East Huron Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Dalbey:

We are glad to know of your interest in the Southern Regional Council. The enclosed leaflet will describe our purposes and program, and tell you something of the way in which we work. We publish a monthly bulletin -- New South -- as a part of our education and information service, and we prepare from time to time other special publications which provide our state groups and others with information for their study and discussion.

We are sending you, under separate cover, a copy of Answers for Action: Schools in the South. This is available at 20¢ a copy or $15.00 a hundred. This is now in its second printing, and is proving useful to all groups throughout the South, as well as the rest of the country, who are considering the Supreme Court's decision about segregation in the schools. We believe that the discussion groups sponsored by the American Library Association may find it helpful. It includes suggestions for further reading. We call your attention especially to the map, which will be somewhat improved in color in the second printing.

Although Dr. Mitchell is out of the city at present, I am sure that he will look forward to seeing you when you come to Atlanta this winter. It will be a real contribution to our mutual interests if the American Library Association, through its American Heritage Project, can help to encourage consciousness of the relevance of the Supreme Court ruling to the American heritage.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab
Encl.

October 21, 1954

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Susie:

Your note of September 21 was waiting for me when I got home the first of this week, after being away for nearly a month.

You probably know by now that I have a delightful granddaughter — Deborah Hamilton Payne, Age one month. It was good to see her and to have a few days of "air" in the beautiful and civilized New England climate.

I have asked the Southern School News, whose mailing address is Box 6156 Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee, to send you their publication. It is available to individuals upon request, and unless you receive the October issue in due time, it might be well for you to write them directly, though this may not be necessary.

I surely hope that it will be possible to have a visit with you sometime during the year. We have all enjoyed the stories in the press about the development of the Bennett Nursery School. I am eager to see it.

With my best to your good husband and other friends in Greensboro, I am

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab

October 21, 1954

Mrs. Bonita Valien
Southern School News
Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Bonita:

You may not be the proper person to handle this request, but I am sure you will be willing to attend to it in the ways you think best.

We, here in the Southern Regional Council office, would find it very helpful if we could receive twenty-five copies of each issue of the Southern School News for use with people who ask us for information covered in the issues. We hope that these twenty-five additional copies could be in addition to the individuals on our central or field staffs.

We would also like to request the following additions to the list of the Council's staff, either in the central office or in state organizations. The list is attached.

Would you also see that Mrs. David Jones, Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, is added to the mailing list?

The second issue continues the high standard established, and is an exceedingly useful resource.

With my very best wishes to you and other friends, I am

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab
Encl.

October 22, 1954

Miss Audrey G. Dunn
Hopkins A. Smith College
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Miss Dunn:

I am sending "Answers for Action" and several other recent publications related to the school segregation situation in the South under separate cover. A publications list is enclosed in the packet, and we will be glad to fill any further orders for our material.

I suggest that you write the Souther Education Reporting Service, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tenn. if your school library does not receive the *Southern School News*. The Southern Education Reporting Service was set up this fall specifically to report developments in the area of school segregation and gives a run-down on each state in its monthly editions of the *Southern School News*.

If you have not already referred to the *Journal of Negro Education Yearbook* for Summer, 1954, that should be very helpful. The entire *Yearbook* is devoted to "Next Steps in Racial Desegregation in Education." Other issues of the *Journal of Negro Education* will also be helpful.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for material sent

Pamphlets	$.55
Postage	.06
Total	$.61

October 25, 1954

Mr. Cary Grayson
Carnegie Corporation of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Grayson:

I did hear from Don Watt that you are coming South, and as I wrote him, I'm looking forward to meeting you. Your project sounds about as interesting as any I've run into lately.

I expect to be in town during the first half of December and will look forward to further word of the exact date of your Atlanta visit.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

October 25, 1954

Dr. Carl R. Pritchett
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Pritchett:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write you about a possible speaker on Race Relations in the Armed Forces.

I have talked with James C. Evans, Civilian Assistant to the Secretary of Defense - actually, the Race Relations Advisor to the Armed Forces, who has done a lot to work the integration in recent years. Mr. Evans suggests as one possibility Lt.Col. Harry Lofton, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at A. and M. College, Orangeburg. (He is, of course, a Negro.) He promises to send me further suggestions after he has had a chance to check his files, and I will pass those along to you when and if they come. He felt that there was very likely a good chaplain or two with the Air Force in the state or with other units of Fort Jackson.

Dr. Mitchell sends his best regards and is looking forward to being with your group in December.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

October 25, 1954

Mr. Robert B. McKay
New York University School of Law
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Bob:

I am remiss in not writing you before to congratulate you on the recreation article. I thought it was extremely well done and, as might be expected, remarkably free of the standard law review gobbledy-gook.

Has it appeared yet? Although we didn't register any request from you for a quantity of reprints, we are looking forward to getting one or two for circulation among the staff and key people in the states. In a way the analysis is even more timely now than it would have been before the Supreme Court decision, for it forsees very neatly one of the upcoming areas of litigation that the South will have to start thinking about. We are proud in having had a hand in encouraging you to do it.

We were all discouraged, of course, about Morris's defeat. But the fact that he got nearly 50,000 votes can be interpreted optimistically, and most of us by now are inclined to do so.

Hope to see you South sometime soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

October 25, 1954

Mrs. Theodore Waller
Forum Director
New York Herald Tribune
230 West 41st Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Helen:

Many thanks for the copy of the Forum report and congratulations. I had already seen the Forum account in the Herald Tribune, and Dr. Mitchell, who is back in the office today, confirms the fact that it was a smoothly handled and constructive occasion all around.

If and when you do the tabloid reprint, let me know. We might want to get hold of a modest supply.

I hope you will come back to Atlanta again when time isn't at such a premium.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF[illegible]rf

October 25, 1954

Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, S. Ca.

Dear Courtney:

I have sent a copy of the September "New South" to Dr. McArthur, making you a special price of nothing down, 2% in ten days.

Seriously we are glad to have a chance to propagandize any effective school person and will be glad to get any further suggestions if they occur to you.

Hope young John behaves himself like a gentleman on your recent family junket.

Best to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

Air Mail

October 25, 1954

Mrs. Theodore Waller
Forum Director
New York Herald Tribune
230 West 41st Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mrs. Waller:

All of us here in the Council have been so interested in the reports of the Herald Tribune Forum - both the accounts in the paper and Dr. Mitchell's account today.

This note comes to ask you to do us a favor if it is possible. As you know, we have had great difficulty securing a good picture of Dr. Mitchell for publicity purposes. The one which was made and which appeared in the Tribune on October 16th is so good we would be most grateful if you would secure for us a dozen glossies, and if newspaper mats are already made we would like to have a supply of those - as much as could be spared. If it is possible for you to arrange to have these sent to us, we would be most grateful. Please let us know what the charges are and we will see that it is taken care of.

We hope that you will have an opportunity to visit in Atlanta again.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Asst. Dir. for Program Planning

GTH/rf

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October 25, 1954

To: KS

Emerson Smith verbally ordered through me 35 copies of the October issue of New South. He will pay for them — so send them up with a bill.

October 25, 1954

Mrs. Helen Hiett Waller
The Herald-Tribune Forum
New York Herald-Tribune
230 West Forty-First Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Waller:

Back now at the desk in Atlanta with the most pleasant recollections of the Forum, the many new friends it gave me, the the Reids' hospitality, and your own careful and friendly arrangements.

The travel expenses broke down as follows: Automobile from Atlanta to Chattanooga at 4¢ a mile = $6.00; Day coach plane from Chattanooga to New York = $37.73; New York to Washington, D. C., in sleeper = $15.24; Washington to Richmond by coach $3.53; Richmond to Atlanta in sleeper = $28.48. Total transportation $90.98. Meals $7.10. Airport bus $1.75. Taxis $3.30. Hotel $26.27. Subway and bus 45¢. Tips $1.20. Telephone 75¢. Total Expenses = $131.80.

Both my wife and the staff of the Southern Regional Council professed to be much pleased with the photograph that your photographer took and used on page 52 of the Trib's account of the proceedings for the October 21st issue. Somebody here will write you and ask to get a glossy or a mat.

Warm thanks again for a most constructive and broadening visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 25, 1954

Mr. Phineas Indritz
1725 Dublin Drive
Silber Spring, Md.

Dear Mr. Indritz:

Enclosed is an SRC publication summarizing statements from the major denominational bodies in the South. We have a more complete file in the office and will be glad to dig out a fuller round-up, should this not be sufficient for your purposes.

I am currently working on an up-to-date list of institutions of higher education in the South that have dropped racial barriers. This list includes private colleges, seminaries and schools of theology, as well as public institutions. I will get a copy to you by Nov. 2 as I think it will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl

October 25, 1954

Dr. Alexander Heard
Dept. Of Political Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Heard:

We would like very much to see a copy of the recent study that the Institute of Government prepared for Governor Umstead's advisory committee on school segregation. I wrote Mr. Coates office requesting a copy on Sept. 10 and have heard nothing from him.

Could you send us a copy, or have one sent? I am assuming that the study is available to the public.

Thank you, and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

October 25, 1954

Mrs. W. B. Cobb
734 MacArthur Drive
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

I am sending two recent publications which should bd helpful to you in your study of the local school situation in regard to integration. Should you want additional copies, "Answers for Action" sells at .20 each, and "Checklist for Your Local Schools" sells at .10.

We have several other recent pamphlets related to the school segregation issue which you might also want to order: one summarizing statements from church bodies regarding the Supreme Court decision, "The Churches Speak," and another outling the legal implications of the "private school plans" which Georgia, Mississippi and other states are considering, "Segregation in the Schools, A Legal View." Both sell at .10 each.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for materials sent

Pamphlets	$ .30
Postage	.04
	$ .34

Stamps acceptable

October 25, 1954

Mrs. John E. Taylor
Rt. 3, Box 261
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

We do not have an up-to-date publication comparable to "Wanted: An Educated South," but do have a number of publications related to the school situation in the South, with emphasis on the question of school segregation. I am sending one of these, "Answers for Action, Schools in the South," under separate cover.

You might also be interested in ordering another publication, "The Churches Speak," which summarizes statements of church bodies regarding the Supreme Court's school decision, or "Segregation in the Schools, A Legal View," which outlines legal implications of the "private school" plans that Georgia and South Carolina are considering. Both these sell at .10 each.

You will find the most up-to-date information on what the different Southern states are spending on white and Negro schools in Harry S. Ashmore's The Negro and the Schools, published by the University of North Carolina Press this spring. The Negro and the Schools is available in both cloth and paper editions.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

Charge for material sent

Pamphlet	$.20
postage	.04
Total	$.24

Stamps acceptable

October 25, 1954

MEMO TO: G. Mitchell

FROM: F. Routh

Please call Mrs. Crate in Texas and found out the status of the Texas organization and the possibility of hiring Gibson Gray.

October 25, 1954

Rev. Tom P. Carriger
Pastor, St. Paul's Methodist Church
Wytheville, Virginia

Dear Rev. Carriger:

Bob Menefee had told us about meeting you, among others, and will be as pleased as we are that you have taken out a membership in the Council.

We are sending separately the consignment copies of "Answer for Action," as well as a few issues of our little publication "New South." Unfortunately we did not have copies of the Ashmore book for sale. I understand the paper backed edition is available generally in bookstores and it may be that you will be able to arrange for a modest consignment from one nearby.

Except for "Answer for Action" we have little of a general nature suitable for a bulletin enclosure. It may be that one of the issues of "New South" would seem to you appropriate, in which case we could let you have a larger quantity at the less-than-cost price of five cents per copy. Let me know if that is indicated and I will get them off to you at once.

The best visual aids - film strips, posters, movies, etc. - in this general field are available at a token cost from the Southern office of the Anti-Defamation League, Kemper Building, Atlanta. I am sure they would be glad to hear from you.

I will try to get hold of a list of the county newspapers published in your area.

Let us know any time we can be of help to you in your valuable local work.

Sincerely,

HCF/rf
copy: R. Menefee

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

P.S. It occurs to me that the pamphlet entitled "Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision" by Mrs. M.E. Tilly of our staff might be useful to you. I am sending several copies with the other material. More available at $5.00 per hundred.

(Dictated)
October 25, 1954

On October 22nd, in company with Reverend Emerson Smith, Executive Secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations, Virginia Council of Churches, I visited State Senator Garland Gray at Waverly, Virginia.

Mr. Gray is the moving spirit behind a pro-segregation organization in southside Virginia, officially styled defenders of state sovereignity and individual liberties. We attempted to persuade Senator Gray to arrange for local conferences with Negro leadership on the basis of equality, with the view to reaching agreement on the course of school integration.

Mr. Gray heard us with scrupulous courtesy, and undertook to explore the idea further, but exhibited much evidence of a mind already settled.

GSM/eab

One copy of this in Virginia State affiliate file
One copy in "dope" file
One copy for daily file ✓

October 26, 1954

Dr. H.H. Giles
Center for Human Relations Studies
Press Annex
New York University
New York, New York

Dear Mike:

I was just glancing through the NAACP Newsletter when I saw the article on Englewood and discovered, of course, that an old buddy of mine whose initials are H.H.G. was active in the fight. Congratulations!

The work here goes very well. I have been traveling about the South working with the state people and so far most everybody seems very well pleased with the results. The other day I was out in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and spoke (this is an extracurricula activity) to a combined meeting of the Rotary and Metropolitan Clubs on the United States role in the United Nations. In outlining some of the problems we face in international relationships, as well as in spelling out the American dream, I brought up the topic of segregation and discrimination and hailed the May 17th decision of the Supreme Court as a great forward step. The thing that amazed me and pleased me was the warm reception which this received and the fact that roughly half the people there - and there were a hundred men - filed past to say that this was the sort of thing that needed to be said in Mississippi. One preacher commented that he had wanted to say something comparable from his pulpit for several years but had been afraid - but now he would try.

I am going to go to the NAIRO meeting in Boston in November. Please let me know if you are going to attend and if not I certainly will stop off in New York en route to see you.

My best regards to Mary and the family, to Dan and all my other friends at the Center.

Your rebel friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/rf

October 26, 1954

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
The Ingram Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Hollis:

I am now well settled in my new job as Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council in Charge of Program Development. The work itself is extremely interesting and the first phase of it is traveling about the South setting up state offices for our organization.

We cover a twelve state region including these states - Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana. We now have five state offices operating - North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana - and several more almost ready to go.

The other day I was out in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and spoke to a combined meeting of the Rotary and Metropolitan Clubs. There were about a hundred people present and I talked on the United States participation in the United Nations. In describing some of the problems that our country faces in foreign relations and in spelling out the American dream of a democratic society for all people, I said that the Supreme Court decision regarding segregation was one of the great forward steps of our time and that we, as a people, must find ways of implementing it rather than subverting it if we are to remain true to our democratic beliefs and to the responsibility we have in world leadership. The thing that impressed me so much was the warm reception I got at the end of the speech and the fact that at least half of the people there filed by to say that this was what was needed to be said in Mississippi. This further confirms my conviction that there are many good people all across the South who only need encouragement to see this question in the proper perspective.

I am enclosing some of the material we have recently gotten up about the Council because I think it is important that responsible civic leaders like yourself be informed of the work that we are doing and I believe that there should be a liaison between the Southern Regional Council and the Dade County Council on Community Relationships.

I have found Atlanta to be a very delightful city - Old South in many ways and yet new, dynamic and bustling in others. Here in Atlanta one has the feeling more than in any other place I have been that a New South is aborning.

Please give my best regards to your good wife and to my many other friends who have worked with us on the Council.

Always,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FRB/rf
encl.

October 26, 1954

Mr. Dan Dodson
New York University
Washington Square College
New York, New York

Dear Dan:

I am trying to follow through and make up a private-no-membership-appeals-no-begging-letters-only-for emergencies-list of people who are now residing in the South and are known to have had significant training in intergroup relations.

If I promise not to bother the people until it seems to me that their attention should be called to some emergency problem in their vicinity, do you think you could conscientiously send me the names of the people whom you know who are living in the South? I am hitting other agencies also, so it is not just poor Dan alone. The combined list may be helpful to you or other people who have a need to deal with some emergency situation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Helen Amerman

October 26, 1954

Mr. Herman Long
Institute for Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

Can you give me names of the people whom you and the Institute have trained? I do solemly swear, and so on, that I won't beg them for anything except in time of need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 26, 1954

Mrs. Helen Amerman
5439 South Kimbark
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Helen:

What could you do to strengthen these lists for me? Surely you or your other friends could supply the dope on the guys who are now living in this part of the world! Can you shed many of them for me?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/esb
Encls.

October 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF

FROM: GSM

I promised the man Philip Mettger, who runs the Governmental Affairs Institute in Washington, that I would send him a list of the people in various Southern localities who might be most helpful to his stream of foreign visitors. This may have the effect of diverting some brooklets of the stream.

Anybody who knows of suitable persons, please give me names and addresses and seven word sketches.

HCF ✓
GTH
FBR ✓
KS
MET
AH
GSM

October 26, 1954

Miss Anna Lord Strauss
27 East Sixty-Ninth Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Strauss:

I was in New York for the Herald-Tribune Forum business, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and I had marked my book to telephone you and see if there was a time when I could pay you a call. They kept me mighty busy and I get back with your name still on my book.

At least I can say I wanted to have the pleasure of another visit. I am to be back in mid-December and hope I can be fortunate enough to find you there. It has been a pleasure to talk with you a couple of times about the way this world goes!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 26, 1954

To: FR

Young John Hope, who now does things for Herman Long at the Institute of Race Relations, and the AMA in Nashville, told me that a Negro woman, Mrs. Grace Jones, teaching at Tennessee A & I College in Nashville, was formerly on John Hope's staff and knows well the field of intergroup education.

Additionally, I learned from Myles Horton that Mr. William Van Till was a friend of Myles Horton's and knows education and I gather that he has some knowledge of psychology. Northern guy.

October 26, 1954

To: AH

Myles Horton, who was brought up in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, told me that the odd sectlet did in 1953 open their college to Negro students. That is all I know, and don't even know the name of the college. But it is the only college that that church has.

Bethel College,
McKenzie, Tenn.
AH

October 26, 1954

Mrs. Horace White
39 Pine Valley Road
Forest Hills
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. White:

I bought Alice, my wife, a new pocketbook the other day and when we poked into the existing one we found Horace's address which he had kindly given us at the Savannah meeting.

I write to remind you of Arthur Roper's book on Greene County, which presumably has followed you around to Alabama and back to Georgia. If you can lay your hands on it and mail it back, I would like to have it. It isn't that I read it but it is the one Arthur gave me with his own handwriting in it and I would like to have it live out its life in its proper slot amongst other books.

Do come to see us when you or Horace are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 26, 1954

Rev. Emerson Smith
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is just a brief note to inform you of a staff meeting which will take place here in Atlanta in the central office on November 9th, 10th and 11th. All of our state Executive Secretaries will be here. Dr. Mitchell informs me that you cannot remain for the 11th and, of course, I understand that.

Your expenses from Richmond to Atlanta and return will be taken care of. I look forward to seeing you on the 9th and getting to know you at that time. With best personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FBR/rf

October 26, 1954

Charles T. Steele, Ex. Sec.
Louisville Urban League
608 West Walnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

I certainly enjoyed meeting you and spending the time with you when I was up in Kentucky. From the professional point of view, as well as personally, you're my kind of guy and I am looking forward to seeing you and working with you when I'm next in Kentucky.

Thanks very much for sending the list of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky group.

Give my good regards to C.H. if you see him.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/rf

October 26, 1954

J. Mansir Tydings, Ex. Dir.
The Lincoln Foundation Inc.
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

We have received the copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on October 16th, 1954 and surely appreciate your consideration in sending them to us. Thank you too for informing us of the new officers who are elected to the Executive Board. This sort of two-way communications is very important to the proper functioning of the central office.

It was good to meet you and be with you when I was up in Kentucky and the very best of luck in the coming operation. May I wish that everything comes out alright.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/rf

October 27, 1954

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Compulsory school attendance is so good and necessary a thing that one hates to contemplate giving it up. Historically, it came in because it proved necessary to protect children against parents who, in many cases, would have kept the children out to work. Just as in that period, the states felt that they could not afford a sizeable block of poorly trained youngsters coming along, so, in this period, and even more vigorously, the state cannot support even a small body of normal children who are not educated.

I think the more statesmanlike course is for local communities, acting through some of the citizens, informally, to meet bi-racially and in significant recognition of equal human dignity, attempting to reach agreement as to the pace at which integration shall proceed. My guess is that over most of the South the Negro people, offered a share in responsibility for the working out of the matter, will be anxious to avoid the hasty and will be constructive and helpful. This is not to say that they will not press for integration; but they will and they should. But it is to suggest that they will try very hard to present a plan that can be agreed upon in that community.

Also, it should be hoped, and said, that integrated schooling, after it has shaken down for a year or two, will prove to be a considerably more effective educational device than what we have known in the past in the South. While we have doubtless achieved for the white children a fairly good level of surface education, we have, in this bi-racial society, by keeping the two groups of children apart, been commiting an act of fundamental mis-education of the white children, and our whole society suffers from it. For the Negro children, we have not only woundingly committed that act of mis-education; we have but thinly accomplished even the superficial education that we give to the white children.

So, I would much rather proceed in a legal framework which contains compulsory school attendance, and which obtains sound and fundamentally moral, as well as superficial, good education for all the children.

Northern cities, further along in the industrial era than we are, but put under a similar pressure about integration, have felt it necessary to retain compulsory school attendance and to accomplish integration. We can afford less than Northern communities the skimped schooling that would go with relaxed compulsory attendance laws. And we can achieve a better kind of school by a good deal than we have ever had in the past.

So, I say, keep the attendance laws and find ways to integrate. And, varying from community to community, the pace would be arrived at by local agreement. There will be upsets, and in some communities where statesmanship would dictate slowness, speed will be urged and ordered. But, pervasively, I believe we can get through and keep schools that are integrated that everybody goes to.

I essay against the business of Bender. In a report of my friend, Dorothy Jones at Winthrop, who studied certain communities in Hanover County, Virginia, there was a community named "Hell Town." When you go there and think you have got well into it and ask "Is this 'Hell Town'?" the pedestrian will say, "Why lady, it is on up the road a whole mile." Measure the mile and start again. "You done gone clean through it, it's way on back up the road."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mr. Emory Via
Labor Relations Division
Roosevelt College
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Emory:

You were a good egg to worry yourself in all that busy time about Mr. Jackson. And, also, a good egg to send us ten whole dollars, which we appreciate.

Jackson has come to life just a little with asking us to send him some copies for his Hot Springs gathering forthcoming. But he ought to do a whole lot more than that, and if you can get to him I think he will realize its importance.

We are all devoted admirers of all the Vias.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mr. Stewart Meacham
1500 Fifteenth Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Stewart:

I saw Oscar Lee in New York and talked with him a good deal about getting someone -- probably you -- to do the job of travelling in the South. I also talked with him about people who had the means and could pick it up, and Oscar talked on what he could do on obtaining the means.

I am more than ever convinced that the travel method is the way to get things moving.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mrs. Joan C. Harap
1210 Grandview Drive
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Harap:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 19th which I finally received on my return from Mississippi. This was due to my late return and not to your delay in mailing the letter. It will not be possible for me to be in Nashville the entire week prior to the November 6th meeting, but I shall plan on spending at least Thursday and Friday of that week with you before the Saturday meeting. We can get together on Thursday at a place of your convenience and discuss people to be contacted and the method of contacting them. I believe it would help me if you would send me a tentative list in advance so that I might be thinking about this prior to my arrival.

I have received from Mrs. Wilcox in Knoxville a very fine list of names with brief personal sketch of people listed. This has been a help in thinking about the type of resource people we need in Tennessee.

I am looking forward to seeing you then on Thursday, November 4th.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FRB/rf

October 27, 1954

Robt. E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Division
Southern Regional Council
Moore Building - Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

On returning to the office I discovered your epistle and read it with considerable interest. Many of the questions which you ask in the letter were cleared up actually when you and I talked things over when I was in Montgomery on my way back from Mississippi. Regarding the questions you asked on financial matters, I have turned these over to Katherine Stoney and she is writing you. She said that she had received a letter from you, too, with some other specific questions which she is also answering.

As to the membership cards, that were sent to you from this office, those are the property of the Alabama Division of the SRC and you will remember that they were divided roughly into three groups - 1, current active members - 2, those who have recently been dropped because of non-payment of dues - 3, those who have been dropped for some time back. I would imagine that a letter from you to those recently dropped might well pick many of them up again, for they have all by previous membership expressed an interest in our work.

Best regards to your good wife and to my other friends there in Montgomery.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FBR/rf
copy:EHParrish

October 27, 1954

Mr. Robertson Sillars
Publication Coordinator
"Adult Leadership"
743 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sillars:

We are sending to you under separate cover a copy of "Answers for Action - Schools in the South" because we believe that many of the readers of "Adult Leadership" and the membership of the Adult Education Association may find it helpful. It's purpose is to aid and encourage constructive consideration of the implications of the Supreme Court decision on public schools by community groups, particularly those in the Southern region. You will note that the copy includes a map of the region which, we are happy to say, will be improved in its color in the second printing which is now under way.

This pamphlet is available at $.20 per copy or $15.00 per hundred from the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Assoc. for Program Planning

GTH/rf

October 27, 1954

Dictated October 26

Miss Elizabeth Sanford
1020 Osage Street
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Miss Sanford:

The right thing for each Southern community to do is to arrange small, local informal discussion meetings between representative white and Negro citizens as to the problems and the course of integration in the public schools. In such meetings citizens will visit, make friends on the issues, go on to find existing local facts, and, inevitably, out of that find the beginning of a plan. The time will come when the public school officials will be under intense legal pressure to conform to the Supreme Court's decision, and they will need most of all informed supporting public opinion.

In my own view, the central Negro demand is for recognition of equal human dignity, and it is just those local meetings, formal or informal, which can significantly make a beginning toward meeting that great demand. And once that demand is granted other things flow along in an orderly and responsible way, with the Negro community taking and wisely exercising at least its full share of the responsibility for orderly public action.

So it seems to me that you are on just the right track.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mr. Robert Menefee
2919 Shawnee Pass
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Menefee:

Your manuscript is very nice indeed, and we are all delighted with it! And, as Harold Fleming would have told you, we will run it with little or no change as the October issue of New South.

You managed that whole Summer with skill and rich results. It was by no means an easy thing to do, but you did it notably!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/[illegible]

October 27, 1954

Mr. Herbert W. K. Fitzroy
Richmond Area University Center
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fitzroy:

Here is a glossy. Declaimed by my wife and all here in the office, but I think it is a good likeness.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 27, 1954

Mr. Barton Hunter
The United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Your letter of October 15th makes it perfectly clear why the United Christian Missionary Society itself couldn't help us directly. I am all gratitude for the care, thought, and warmth, which you put into the whole matter.

Whether means are found to help us or not, we are grateful for the many links we have had with your people, and look forward to more and stronger links in the future.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Dictated October 26

Mr. Howard Kester
The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Buck:

I am going to fly up there and back. Cost you hardly any more and saves me a lot of driving. I will check in at the Wesley Foundation, Twenty-First and Broadway, by 4:00 p.m., November 4, and hope to get a ride with somebody there out to the Conference grounds. I am coming back on a late afternoon plane Friday, November 5, and will need a ride back to Nashville Friday afternoon.

I am primed to make a speech on "The South Today," Thursday night at or after 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mr. Lucius Pitts
Holsey-Cobb Institute
Cordele, Georgia

Dear Reverend Pitts:

This cannot be a real note of "welcome" to the professional staff of state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, but we all hope that before very much longer arrangements to have you join this group will have been completed.

We nevertheless want you to know that we are counting on your attendance at a meeting of state staff members to be held in Atlanta on November 9th, 10th and 11th. The board meeting of the Council will be held on the 10th and staff members will sit in on that meeting in order to get a more complete picture of the thinking of the parent organization. Please let us know if we can count upon your presence. Your expenses, of course, will be born.

Yours cordially,

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Associate for Program Planning

GTH/rf
copy: Dr. Wells
B. R. Brazeal

October 27, 1954

Dictated October 25

Mrs. S. E. Berkshire
Box 573
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Berkshire:

We acknowledge gratefully your letter of October 15th, with the check for $10.00 and today Mrs. Henry's check for another $15.00! And besides all that, there was the $35.00 that covered expenses!

Our Council needs the help, so we will gladly be receivers, when time makes it possible, of the balance that will fulfill the speaking fee ($50.00 if our records and our first telephone conversation are right). But when money reaches you in driblets we press not for large lumps.

I had a good time, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be with that interesting and rewarding group of people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mr. Homer G. Dyer
J. H. Berry Realty Company
2910 Twenty-Seventh Street
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dyer:

Nice to hear from you. And I am free on the 26th and am quite willing to come. What I talk about ordinarily revolves around the relationship of law, economics, and loyalty in the approach to unity. Would that be all right?

The B'Hai group here in Atlanta has let me talk to them once or twice and I have a pleasant relationship with them.

Mr. Eagan I knew at Blue Ridge in the old days, and, of course, I know what an important role he played in getting the whole interracial movement going in the South. Until a few years ago we had visible evidence of his interest because the safe we used had been his and bore his name in gilded letters. We moved to new space and unfortunately the safe didn't get through the new door. But there was some significance in the fact that whenever we had 10¢ it rested in Mr. Eagan's strongbox!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Miss Louise Young
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Young:

Thank you so much for the help you gave to me while I was in Nashville. The discussion with your class was most exhilarating. I was amused at how well you had described each of them and how easily they were identified from your description.

When I finally finished Friday afternoon, I was far from Scarritt with the book "The Church Speaks" and had no way of getting it to you. If you wish it, I will express it to you. As soon as I remake the lost map showing states and ~~[illegible]~~ dates of cases in segregated schools, I will forward it to you together with the booklet giving a history of each case.

Again I wish to thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rf

October 27, 1954

Dictated October 25

Mr. Dan C. Whitsett
107 Wast Spring Street
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Dan:

I have been out for ten days and just get back to your letter of October 18. We will be mighty sorry not to have you at the meeting November 10.

I resigned from the Board of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and of the Southern Conference Education Fund in 1947 when, against my urgent and repeated advice, the SCHW proceeded with an invitation to Paul Robeson to make a singing-speaking, and money-raising tour of the South on behalf of the SCHW.

I do not think the Southern Conference Education Fund is a Communist front, and I never have thought that Jim Dombrowski is a Communist. Further, I think that in any situation with the degrees of injustice which are in the South it is natural and right that there should be a voice of protest pitched at the level which they, in the SCEF, maintain. But I do not care to pitch my voice that high!

I find fault with them in terms of both strategy and wisdom, but they doubtless find fault with me in terms, at least, as unflattering.

I do think you court needless criticism if you become identified with the SCEF, but everybody has to make his own decisions and go on his own.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Dr. John Q. Schisler
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, S.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Schisler:

I was deeply appreciative of the time you gave to me and of the presence of your staff. I think we spent some hours in very profitable discussion, at least for us here in the office.

I believe your letters to the District Superintendents will bring some immediate action.

If the television project materializes, we would appreciate knowing the stations and the date it will be shown.

My sincerest thanks.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rf

October 27, 1954

Miss Florence Teague
1001 Nineteenth Avenue, S.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Teague:

What a good job you did for me when you planned the luncheon and the conference with Dr. Schisler and the staff! It was a very stimulating occasion for me and gave me an appreciation of my church.

We would like to see a copy of Dr. Schisler's letter to the District Superintendents if it is not presumptious on our part to ask for it.

I hope it will be possible to have the television project as planned.

With every good wish to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rf

October 27, 1954

Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, S.Ca.

Dear Mrs. Simkins:

I am deeply appreciative of your invitation to the testimonial dinner being given in honor of Judge J. Waties Waring on November 6th. Because of illness in my home and some other complications it will not be possible for me to attend.

With best wishes for a great occasion, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rf

October 27, 1954

Mr. James M. Hinton
South Carolina Conference NAACP
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Hinton:

I greatly appreciate being invited to the dinner for Judge Waring on November 6th in Charleston. I can't get there because I have got to be in Nashville on the 4th and 5th, and back in Atlanta on the 7th. But I saw Judge and Mrs. Waring in New York last Tuesday and was proud with them of the forthcoming dinner.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Dictated October 26

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benser
113 Tahlulah Lane
Babylon (West Islip), L. I.,
New York

Dear Ed and Elizabeth:

Imagine having somebody read all that business in the Herald-Tribune!

I thought about you when I came in at Idlewild, and remembered the former stop at Jackson House, but remembered that you had moved and wasn't any good calling you there.

Sometime I will be up again, and I will find a way for us to have a proper visit.

Nice to see your picture and the speech that you will be making today on "How to fix them up." Shades of the squabbly conference of the old FC Division on "How to electrify the figures."

The Fund for the Republic gave our Southern Regional Council a goodly sum of money and we are busy setting up state organizations. But if you and Elizabeth find yourselves overburdened with income, I assure you our SRC is 100 per cent tax-exempt, well behaved, and useful!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D.:

You sent your postcard October 16th and it hit at a time when I was away for a week, which is why I was so slow in getting an answer to you.

Emphatically, you are a member of the Board of Directors, and we want you to come to the meeting November 10. We need to keep up the links with Oklahoma, and you are the means of doing so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

To: AH

Would you make up a list from the files of people suitable to be added to this index "good eggibus."

October 27, 1954

To: GTH

Check Vastine and Menefee folders for other names to be added.

October 27, 1954

To: HCF

Frank Loescher, I believe, told me that you knew of a recording of a broadcast for the National Citizens Committee for the Public Schools, which is said to be some good. Loescher said if we needed more pressings of the record, particularly the one on segregation, we could doubtless get some pressings from the National Citizens Committee at cost.

Doesn't sound like our stuff, but I report.

October 27, 1954

Dictated October 25

Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Nolte
1309 Dale Drive
Silver Springs, Maryland

Dear the Noltes:

You were mighty nice to take time and travel for the luncheon the other day, and to come out to the meeting the other day. I felt much upheld by your interest and presence.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 27, 1954

Mr. B. F. McLaurin
National Committee for Rural Schools, Inc.
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. McLaurin:

All success to your forthcoming meeting. There is a long difficult pull ahead of all of us in getting adequate and integrated education for all school children, and the problems will be particularly difficult in the rural areas.

I feel sure that the local state organizations of the Southern Regional Council will wish to be helpful to the National Committee for Rural Schools as its expanded program proceeds.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Sample Letter

October 28, 1954

Mr. K.R. Addington
145 Commerce Street
Kingsport, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Addington:

The Southern Regional Council has been in the process of reorganizing its state groups since midsummer and in Tennessee we are now in the process of setting up a responsible board to direct the new state office. I am enclosing for your information a little pamphlet entitled "Toward the South of the Future." Your name has been suggested for the board by a committee headed by Mrs. Jack H. Wilcox of Knoxville because you have been known to be interested in the problems of our area and because you have worked toward a fuller democracy for all of our people.

An organizational meeting is being held at the May Hosiery Mill Conference Room, at 425 Chestnut Street, Nashville, on Saturday, November 6th at 10:00 am. We very much hope that you will be able to attend and expenses involved will be taken care of by the Southern Regional Council.

Very truly yours,

Dan May
Interim Chairman
Tennessee Division

encl.

October 27, 1954

Mrs. Jack H. Wilcox
1816 Lake Avenue
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Thank you so much for your splendid letter which I am tardy in answering because I have been out in Mississippi. The little thumbnail sketches of the people you have listed are a great help in thinking about the type of resource pwople we need on the Tennessee board.

I would very greatly regret if either you or Woods Beckman found it necessary not to serve on the board. We need your help and advice very much. You have been and are people of considerable importance in the furthering of democracy in Tennessee and it is my firm conviction that we who believe in such a program must work together. Your advice and emphasis on what the SRC Tennessee office could do in the Knoxville area would be invaluable. Therefore I ask that you give this matter very serious consideration before making up your mind.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on November 6th.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FRB/rf

October 28, 1954

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
P. O. Box 2097

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We will miss you a great deal, but quite understand how you have to be in Houston on November 10.

Stay behind the group in Texas; it is of first importance for that to get going well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 28, 1954

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1511 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Welcome to the company of staff members working with state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. I am looking forward to seeing you again when you come for the staff and Board meeting November 9, 10, and 11.

This letter is to inquire whether South Carolina is far enough along in plans for completing its staff organization through one of the ways suggested in Memorandum #6, copy enclosed? We very much hope to have a staff meeting on the 9th as representative as can be of the people, both white and Negro, who will be carrying professional responsibility with state organizations, whether on a full or part-time basis. If your personnel committee has developed a list of potential "associates" or "consultants," we would very much hope that you would be able to know the person whom the committee will most probably ask to be associated with you in serving the state organizations professionally. Would you let me know whether you have in mind such a person, and whether arrangements will be sufficiently along for us to be able to invite him or her to the staff meeting on the 9th?

There are many challenging matters to consider these days! It will be good to see you and the other folks from South Carolina.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. Richard Foster

October 28, 1954

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
The Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

Welcome to the company of staff members working with state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. I am looking forward to seeing you again when you come for the staff and Board meeting November 9, 10, and 11.

This letter is to inquire whether Louisiana is far enough along in plans for completing its staff organization through one of the ways suggested in Memorandum #6, copy enclosed? We very much hope to have a staff meeting on the 9th as representative as can be of the people, both white and Negro, who will be carrying professional responsibility with state organizations, whether on a full or part-time basis. If your personnel committee has developed a list of potential "associates" or "consultants," we would very much hope that you would be able to know the person whom the committee will most probably ask to be associated with you in serving the state organizations professionally. Would you let me know whether you have in mind such a person, and whether arrangements will be sufficiently along for us to be able to invite him or her to the staff meeting on the 9th?

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Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab
Encl.
cc: Mrs. Milton P. Adler
Father L. J. Twomey
Mr. A. W. Dent

October 28, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Welcome to the company of staff members working with state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. I am looking forward to seeing you when you come for the staff and Board meeting November 9, 10, and 11.

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There are many challenging matters to consider these days! It will be good to see you and the other folks from ~~Louisiana.~~ Alabama

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab
Encl.
cc: Mr. Dan C. Whitsett

[redacted]

October 28, 1954

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

At the second session of the Herald-Tribune Forum a large chorus sang powerfully "Amazing Grace." I am afraid that I was in whispered conversation with Judge and Mrs. Waring during much of that fall and swell, but I did remember, at least, the name and the promise of the song.

What very good news your letter of October 21st contains!

That will be enough for us to be sure that *New South* can do what it ought to do for 1955-56-57. I think there is every possibility that the mounting volume of subscriptions for a better magazine will give us the added funds that will be needed to keep it running well.

And we are in agreement that this most generous gift is to be the final one from the Field Foundation for *New South*.

We will continue to let you know of the plans for *New South* and its weightier guise.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 28, 1954

Mr. Stanton Smith
Tennessee Federation of Labor
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council is reorganizing. As you no doubt know, the Fund for the Republic of the Ford Foundation gave SRC a grant with which to set up state organizations in twelve states of which Tennessee is one.

We need your advice and counsel. Our reorganization meeting will take place in Nashville, in the Conference Room of the May Hosiery Mill, 425 Chestnut Street, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6th. Your expenses in attending this meeting will be taken care of by the SRC.

Looking forward to seeing you and working with you in the future, I am

Sincerely,

Dan May
Interim Chairman

Letter also sent to
Mr. A. Barton Strong
Hamilton Natl. Bank Bldg.
Chattanooga

Mr. Haskell Miller
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga

Enclosed
'Toward a New South

October 28, 1954

Mr. Robert Menefee
2919 Shawnee Pass
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Bob:

And still the letters come!

In answer to the three questions you pose:

1. We suggest that you send us the card file, indicating on the cards such persons as should (or should not) be mailed your report.

2. There should be a mimeographed covering note, which we will write, simply saying "At the suggestion of Mr. Robert G. Menefee, we are sending you..., etc."

3. A good idea, to send the report to people you didn't see but who were recommended to you as interested or useful. We would rely on your index card notations in determining this group.

Your article is at the printer as the forthcoming issue of New South. It will be a late issue but a most useful one.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

P.S. Dr. Mitchell thinks he recalls giving you the manuscript prepared by Richard Drake, of Emory University, on the history of the mountain South. If so, would you send it back to us as soon as it is convenient for you.

October 28, 1954

Miss Virginia Hilu
Harper and Brothers
49 East Thirty-Third Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Hilu:

Several months ago Miss Lucy Mason's mind began to give away. She was put for a week in a nursing home, but persisted in leaving it. Her near cousin, Dr. L. Minor Blackford, with offices at 104 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., telephone number Vernon 4212, and residing at 258 The Prado, N. E., telephone number Elgin 0836, decided reluctantly that it would be necessary to commit her to an institution. Accordingly, a court in Atlanta placed Miss Lucy under Dr. Blackford's guardianship, and Dr. Blackford arranged for her to be received at Brawner's Sanitarium at Smyrna, Georgia. This is a private sanitarium and Miss Mason is cared for there in bright, clean, colorful, polite, and comfortable surroundings.

Dr. Blackford visits her once a week. He reports to Miss Mason's friends that her conversation is non-consecutive and besprinkled with misconceptions wide of the truth, but that she is not rebellious or resentful. Other relatives who visit her tell me that she occupies her time not unhappily.

Dr. Blackford, as Miss Mason's guardian, is also in charge of her financial affairs. I believe it is the case that her income in retirement quite nearly reaches the monthly expenses at the sanitarium.

I suggest that you correspond with Dr. Blackford as to any business or other relationships with Miss Mason.

Lucy's loss to the community here and to the South is a very great one, and all her friends follow her situation with devoted interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 28, 1954

Miss Harriet Doar
2423 Vail Avenue
Apartment A-12
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Miss Doar:

All straight for 8:00 p.m. Friday December 15, for the Unitarian Forum at Charlotte.

All I have to do in Anderson is to make a speech the night of the 14th. I sleep in Anderson and will drive over to Charlotte the morning of the 15th. If you could book a room for me in the hotel, I will want to get some sleep that afternoon because I will have to take a night plane to get to New York the next morning.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 28, 1954

Mr. Stanley E. Dimond
Professor of Education
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Stanley:

Thanks so much for the list of workshoppers from Texas. I am going out there in the very close future to help them set up their state office and revamp their state executive committee and this list, I am sure, will be of assistance to them in strengthening their overall board.

I am glad that you are going to run the Workshop again this year. The experience there at Ann Arbor, including the special sessions at the Pretzel Bell, is among the happiest of my recollections. I must drop Herman Weil a note in the near future for he and I became good friends when we worked together.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FBR/rf

October 28, 1954

Mr. J.A. McDaniel
Memphis Urban League, Inc.
546 Beale Avenue
Memphis 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

I had hoped by this time to have received from you a list of people from the Memphis area. I trust that you have been thinking about representative people from that area for the Tennessee board of the SRC. I want to thank you and Mrs. Jones for sending the minutes of our last meeting to me.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Nashville on the sixth and working with you and others to bring about a strongly representative board for the Volunteer State.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

ERB/rf

October 28, 1954

Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Dir.
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
Bd. of Trade Annex Bldg. - Room 303
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thank you for your letter of October 26t
We have gone over the Louisiana Constitution
and have approved it. We must review this ac
with the overall board of the SRC, but this i
a mere formality. I would like to keep the
Constitution until you come here November 9th
10th and 11th and you can take it back with y
them. Thanks a lot for the list of the Executive Committee members of the Louisiana Counc

You tell Billy Graham to leave the Frenc
Quarters alone and if he wants to find sin to
go someplace else because that is still one o
my favorite places. My best regards to your fiancee and to the other good folks in New Orleans.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FRB/rf

October 28, 1954

Dr. John J. O'Connor
5115 Moorland Lane
Bethesda 14, Md.

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

I am in the process of revising our list of "open" colleges and would appreciate your help. Would you scan the enclosed draft and postal-card me any ommissions you note? (I am sure there are not enough Catholic seminaries.) Will be glad to send you one or more copies of the final listing.

Suspect you had a lot to do with the NCWC wire service release on desegregation in Catholic schools in the South. We have found it a most useful summary and are sending it out along with our own stuff in answer to queries about degegregation in the schools.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl

October 28, 1954

Dr. C.H. Parrish
926 S. Sixth St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. Parrish:

I am currently revising our list of "open" college
and would appreciate your help. Would you check
through the enclosed draft for commissions (or subt
and send me any proper additions? I will of cours
glad to send you a final listing.

Another request. We are currently trying to build
a list of the members of the governors' committees
school segregation — or integration, as the case
be — in the various Southern states. I understan
that Kentucky has a seven-man commission, but do n
know who makes it up. Could you get me the names?

With many thanks,

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl

October 28, 1954

Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Sec.
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
Bd. of Trade Annex Bldg. - Room 303
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

We have planned to go into the whole question of useful materials and periodicals at the forthcoming staff meetings of November 9th and 11th. At that time I will hope to have a variety of suggestions to make.

At the moment I can suggest a few of the publications we have found helpful around here:

Journal of Negro Education, Howard University, Washington, D.C. ($4.00 per year)

Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Virginia (This is about the best of the Negro weeklies published in the South -- or, for that matter, in the country. It may be that instead of this, or in addition to it, you will want to subscribe to the Louisiana Weekly. The Journal and Guide is $5.00 per year.)

Journal of Educational Sociology, The Payne Educational Sociology Foundation, 157 West 13th Street, New York, New York. ($3.00 per year.)

Interracial Review, 20 Vesey Street, New York, New York ($1.00 per year)

You should already be receiving the Southern School News published by the Southern Education Reporting Service of Nashville; we requested that you be placed on their mailing list. Also from time to time we will send you, or call to your attention, individual publications -- books, pamphlets, special issues -- which should be of particular use. It would be a good idea, too, if you wrote the principle organizations in the human relations field and asked to be placed on their mailing list for releases, publication announcements, and the like. Some of these are NAACP, Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, National Catholic Welfare Conference, NCCJ.

Of course, you would make your own judgment about what local dailies or weeklies you would need.

We will henceforth send you ten copies of each issue of New South.

I will look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

October 28, 1954

Governor Herman E. Talmadge
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Governor Talmadge:

Friends have informed me that in your broadcast over WAGA-TV Tuesday evening, October 26, you made reference to the Southern Regional Council as a Communist organization.

Such a statement is without any basis in fact. The Southern Regional Council has never been cited by any official body as a Communist front or identified in any way with the Communist movement.

We request an early retraction by you of your unfair and untrue accusation against the Southern Regional Council.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mr. Leonard Haas
Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. Morris Abram

October 28, 1954

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Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

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Assistant Director for
Program Planning

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Encl.
cc: Mr. Dan C. Whitsett

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1511 Laurel Street
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Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Welcome to the company of staff members working with state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. I am looking forward to seeing you again when you come for the staff and Board meeting November 9, 10, and 11.

This letter is to inquire whether South Carolina is far enough along in plans for completing its staff organization through one of the ways suggested in Memorandum #6, copy enclosed? We very much hope to have a staff meeting on the 9th as representative as can be of the people, both white and Negro, who will be carrying professional responsibility with state organizations, whether on a full or part-time basis. If your personnel committee has developed a list of potential "associates" or "consultants," we would very much hope that you would be able to know the person whom the committee will most probably ask to be associated with you in serving the state organizations professionally. Would you let me know whether you have in mind such a person, and whether arrangements will be sufficiently along for us to be able to invite him or her to the staff meeting on the 9th?

There are many challenging matters to consider these days! It will be good to see you and the other folks from South Carolina.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. Richard Foster

October 29, 1954

Dict_ated October 27

Mr. Dan C. Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council (that is the central organization) has five or six vacancies, and the Nominating Committee is seeking names of suitable people to put in these vacancies. Clearly the Board should be strengthened in the rank of business leadership.

We hear that Mr. Ed Norton, a Birmingham businessman, would quite possibly be willing to become a member of the Board of the Council, and would give us added strength in Alabama and elsewhere.

Here's a list of who is presently on the Board.

We have no channel for intimate conversation with Mr. Norton. Maybe you have. Maybe you could go to Birmingham and sound him out. Will you advise us what you discover on inquiry?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 29, 1954

Mr. Charles F. Schwep
Trident Films, Inc.
510 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Schwep:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your recent letter describing your services.

Your approach to film making is interesting and inviting, but unfortunately we have no resources at all for work in that field.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

October 29, 1954

Mrs. Marion B. Paul
2324 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Paul:

We are sorry as the mischief that you can't serve on the Nominating Committee, but I quite understand that if you have got to be over here the week before, you can hardly come back the next.

Could you pop into this office for half an hour or so during your Atlanta stay, November 1-5, and review the names that have been listed and give us your opinion? Thus you would be doing half or two-thirds of the job of serving anyway and we wouldn't have to replace you on the Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 29, 1954

Dictated October 28

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary
National Council on Agricultural
    Life and Labor
1751 "N" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

Best I can think of is Macedonia, a cooperative community near Clarksville, Georgia. The elected head of that is Art Wiser. It has been running along now for a dozen years or more. Under some encumberances, owns around a thousand acres of wooded or farming land -- not very good land though much improved. Housing accomodations a'plenty.

Until eight or ten months ago it had fourteen or fifteen families, all of whom were white, though in principal the community was open to anyone. Then it suffered a split when all but two complete families hived off into some outfit I don't know much about called the Bruderhof, and settled in upstate New York. The two remaining families are stable people -- Art and Mary Wiser and Dick Mommsen and his wife. Two, three, or four unattached individuals also at Macedonia.

They have a dairy farm which nearly works them to death, and also a goodish business manufacturing and selling nursery school block and toy items. The light work attached to the operations of block-making pays them 75¢ an hour for what time they can put into it. Two, three, or four empty houses, all with water laid on, but out in the country and chilly except for fireplaces and stoves. Some mud (when it rains, which lately it hasn't). I think there was also a problem of some school teaching, though it may be that the community children now go to the bordering neighborhood public school.

A retired nurse from Philadelphia settled among them some years ago, and was comfortable enough until disease overtook her untimely.

Most of the people at Macedonia have been conscientious objectors. They believe in cooperation. There is a pretty stout strain of Christianity that goes through. Wiser was brought up as the son of missionary parents in India, and retains a good many links with an Oriental form of pacifism. In matters economic they are nothing more radical than cooperative.

If they would take Jacque Poole in, I think she would not lack for pleasant association and ample opportunity to be useful. My only question is whether her physical health would sustain the somewhat rugged life in a North Georgia hill winter.

If she is interested, she should correspond with Art Wiser.

Grace Hamilton remembers most warmly Miss Poole, and will be writing you about what she, Mrs. Hamilton, can turn up as a possibility at Spelman College.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 29, 1954

Dictated October 28

Mr. Edward Howden
Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Howden:

I send you this year's issues of New South for a free giftie. We really haven't got a free mailing list, and you ought to send in a $1.50 subscription to New South so that you will get it henceforth. Better act quickly because January 1st she goes up to $2.00.

I think the October issue, out in a few days, will have some spot news for you as it recounts a field trip this Summer to the Appalachian mountain area by an able fellow from Berea, who was exploring whether, in those thinly Negro populated counties, desegregation could be accomplished easily.

The Council has, from its formal organisation in 1944 until these past transitional months, been a South-wide membership organisation. By formal action this Spring it became a single Board of Directors, and our members in Southern states are being distributed in those organisations which are reorganising themselves and are taking advantage of the Council's offer to assist them with money in the employment of clerical and professional staff. So, except for people outside the South, we don't have individual members any more, but we continue to do about individual membership what we always have -- print above the signature spot on the application blank for membership the phrase, "Believing in the principles and aims of the Southern Regional Council, I want to be enrolled as." So far as I know, in the last ten years only about two people have joined the Council as to whose integrity in signing that statement there was any grounds for question. And both of them pretty soon quit paying dues!

We do not have any affiliated organisations, except state organisations which we construct ourselves, so we have no problem there.

I do not know the situation on the West Coast, but my whole feeling would be in favor of refusing membership from organisations or individuals which, or who, were not quite clearly loyal to the American form of government.

In the course of ten years, there have been one or two members of our Board as to whom there was criticism, and we still get ridden by the bad eggs around and about that these guys do pull all the wires and set all the policy. One or two out of more than one hundred past and present Board members seem to me pretty small pickings for the bad eggs.

I don't know your exact structure, but I think that the main thing to do is to be sure that the main governing body of your organisation is made up of people beyond criticism. I will try to remember your need for spot news and help you if there is opportunity.

Meanwhile, I hope we will be together at Boston at the NAIRO meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl -- Printed By-Laws of SRC

cc: HCF, along with incoming ltr
and material.

October 29, 1954

Dictated October 28

Mr. Dan W. Dodson
New York University
School of Education
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Dan:

It so happened, largely at the instance of ADL, that a luncheon had been arranged just after the morning meeting on Tuesday, October 19, at which meeting you were charged with a coordinating responsibility. Epstein, Lukas, Maslow, Loescher, Mitchell, Lovecky (my guest from the John Hay Whitney Foundation), somebody from NCCJ, Ken Clark, and some more. Out of that, I think, there came an agreement that there should be a luncheon once a quarter of six, eight, or a dozen people who operate programs in this field. Sometimes in New York, sometimes at other spots, more accessible to particular individuals. I think everybody liked that idea and Lukas and Loescher would more than likely be prepared to move ahead with it.

In addition to that, maybe a gathering once a year of that luncheon group committee with pretty much the people who were present at the 19th morning meeting; many of whom were only on the fringes of the central problem. Why not work along that channel?

The agency would be able to pay the way of the people to the luncheon meeting, so there shouldn't be any expense, and they could review program and make plans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 29, 1954

Mrs. Alice H. Lewis
National Board
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

You have my fullest permission and encouragement to take the Herald-Tribune article and pull it around any way you want for use in the YWCA Magazine's February issue.

We have a good collection of the statements of religious denominations, and a goodish summary will be sent you in a few days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 29, 1954

Mr. Robert B. McKay
School of Law
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Bob:

I slipped up in letting pass the opportunity to order some reprints of your *Virgi Law Review* article before it came off the pr

If there is any way it can be managed now, we would much like to have a dozen copie to distribute to our state staff people -- ar a dozen or two more if that were possible. W will, of course, pay the going rate for them.

Please let me know what the prospects, i any, are, and I will be duly humble and grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

MUTILATED PAGE (s)

October 29, 1954

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
The Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

Delighted to see you on the 18th, and there will always be time when you and I can go over special matters together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Sample Letter

October 29, 1954

Mrs. Matthew Walker
208 McMillan Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Walker:

The second organizational meeting of the Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council will take place as scheduled on Saturday, November 6th, at 10:00 am at the May Hosiery Mills Conference Room, 425 Chestnut Street, Nashville.

At this meeting we hope to consider the new set of by-laws and constitution for the Tennessee group. Your expenses in attending this meeting will be met by the Council.

Your presence there is of great importance to the success of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Dan May
Interim Chairman
Tennessee Division, SRC

October 29, 1954

Mrs. Demas T. Craw
League of Women Voters of Albermarle
RFD 2
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Craw:

Here are some more copies of the leaflet. Appreciate your signing yourself. You are already a paid-up member, but in due time you will get a bill for the next twelve months.

Delighted that the League of Women Voters in Virginia moves ahead on the schools business.

Alice and I greatly enjoyed the evening at your home in Charlottesville. I do hope that that can be repeated sometime and that we can all get to conversation near to the heart of these questions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 29, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dave:

Grace Hamilton has passed on to me three of the publications in the "Freedom Agenda" series. I had already received through the mail some of the promotional releases.

I think the basic pamphlet -- "A Guide for Local Planning" -- is a very clear and readable handbook which anybody interested enough to undertake a Freedom Agenda project would find easy to use.

The two discussion pamphlets by Alfred H. Kelly and T.V. Smith are also good leadership pieces. I should think, however, that their most effective use would be with the relatively small group of leadership people whose interest in the subject matter can be taken for granted and who, accordingly, need little pampering. The format is pretty sober and would hardly tease the interest of a larger group of people less involved in the project. For more widespread distribution the same material, by the same authors, could be presented in a much more attention getting way. Something like the Public Affairs pamphlets, using art work, color and bold, lively headings, would be a better bet for that kind of distribution. Of course, the amount of funds available for printing has a lot to do with the form of presentation, but some of the "popular" techniques can be used at relatively low cost.

This isn't meant to be critical, in the least, of the series as it stands. Knowing the League for Women Voters, I am sure that its members require a minimum of flossy presentation -- and particularly the leadership group for which, I understand, this series is intended. But if they desire to go in for more general distribution, I think they could profitably consider other typographical layout techniques.

I hope to get a chance to see you again the next time I get a free ride to New York. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

October 29, 1954

Dictated October 28

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

For the areas I have listed in the attached letter to Gordon Lovejoy, the following are the SRC personnel who should be first reached.

Virginia. The Reverend Emerson C. Smith, 109 West Grace Street, Department of Christian Social Relations, the Virginia Council of Churches, Richmond, Virginia. Telephone, Richmond 3-0274. Emerson Smith's group is independent but affiliated with the SRC, but by arrangement for the time being acts in close cooperation with the SRC.

Kentucky. Mr. Hugh Brimm, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Telephone, not immediately available to me. Brimm is the newly elected unpaid president of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, which is SRC's affiliate for Kentucky. They will shortly employ paid staff, but have not yet done so. Meanwhile, Brimm is the man to be in touch with.

Tennessee. SRC's affiliate in that state is not yet organised, though it will be in a matter of a few weeks. In the meantime, for central Tennessee, agencies should be in touch with Herman Long, Institute of Race Relations, Fisk University, Telephone, Nashville 42-3396. For the eastern Tennessee area, the best person to contact would be Reverend F. Woods Beckman, 5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville.

Arkansas. As this affiliate is not yet fully organised, agencies should be in touch with either the Little Rock Urban League or, for quite serious matters, with Harry Ashmore of the Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock.

Louisiana. For Louisiana the SRC affiliate is managed by Milton E. Vigo, Louisiana Council on Human Relations, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, Telephone MAin 4295.

Texas. The contact for the time being is Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas, telephone Keystone 8986. She is chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations. Paid staff will be employed shortly.

For Southern Maryland, it will be well for agencies to be in touch with Irene Osborne, American Friends Service Committee, 104 "C" Street, Washington, D. C., telephone, Lincoln 3-2773.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 29, 1954

Dictated October 28

Mr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
The National Conference of Christians
and Jews, Inc.
P. O. Box 578
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

Many thanks for your letter of October 23rd. I am mighty sorry I wasn't here when you came. The Council is anxious to have only the most friendly and cordial working relationship with NCCJ, and I will constantly exert myself to that end.

The letter I wrote you the other day is an action independent of the matter of the twenty-five communities. The other day's letter covers all the states of the Southern Region, and is just an extension for the whole South of the idea about the twenty-five communities.

Now as to the twenty-five communities. Frank Loescher and I had opportunity to clarify that purpose in later conversation with David Freeman, whose idea the matter largely was at the beginning. I detailed as areas in which friction is likely to occur earliest, the following:

Southern Maryland and the eastern shore of Maryland, specifically, Maryland south of the Patapsco River, and Maryland south of Elkton.

Kent and Sussex Counties in Delaware.

Virginia south of the James River, inclusive of and east of Campbell and Pittsylvania Counties, specifically, including Accomack and Northampton Counties.

In Kentucky, the following counties: Christian, Trigg, Lyon, and the counties in western Kentucky, being Marshall, Graves, Calloway, McCracken, Ballard, Carlyle, Hickman, and Fulton, and generally what is called The Purchase.

Arkansas, southeast of the line from Little River County to Mississippi County.

East central Oklahoma and Choctaw and McCurtain Counties.

Texas, east of the line from Grayson County to Guadalupe County to Refugio County.

Central and western Tennessee.

Northwest third of Louisiana.

My listing at this stage is the sheerest guess work. We don't know what the Supreme Court decrees will be, and nearly everything depends on their exact language. But these seem to me to be arenas at which the problem is likely to come earliest to the fore, and in which contention is likely to be severe.

I am quite clear from conversations with Freeman and Loescher that nobody proposes to put together a detailed list of people in local communities in these or other areas. All that is wanted is a list of the principal official persons -- volunteer or paid -- who, for the several cooperating agencies, share a responsibility for the agency in these areas. That means you wouldn't have to list, and shouldn't list, local contacts in these areas, but should merely list the head people having jurisdiction over these areas. In your case, I think that is your affected state officers. In my case, I will list my affected state officers. I assume that other agencies will do similarly.

Frank Loescher is responsible for getting the list together. So you should, if you will be so kind, arrange for NCCJ's list to go forward to Frank Loescher, the Fund for the Republic, One East Fifty-Fourth Street, New York City.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Frank Loescher

October 30, 1954

Mr. Ernest A. T. Barth
303e Alumni Building
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Barth:

I think your letter of October 22nd gives about the right pitch.

I think that the six counties studied becomes now one of a series of supporting runs of statistics on a thesis that justice is not impartially administered in certain areas and in certain categories. It doesn't seem to me at all probable that the six counties' study will support the weight of a finding by a Commission that partiality exists and should be corrected in such and such directions. I begin to hope for further inquiry by other interested groups. Then the results of these inquiries plus this, plus what exists already, might be enough to sustain the findings of a Commission. So the immediate problem becomes one of putting the six counties' study into a presentable bundle. I do not want to publish it, but I would like to have it for ultimate use by a Commission.

So, please go ahead and do an impartial job on it and point to its weakness and to its strength, and summarize in reasonable detail what it found.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Guy Johnson
Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mr. Harold C. Fleming

Encl: Copy of incoming ltr

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October 22, 1954
303c Alumni Building
Chapel Hill

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

I am very sorry that I was not here when you called Dr. Johnson the other day. I had hoped to talk with you directly so as to get an idea of what you wanted to do with the material on the Courts Study.

Dr. Johnson and I have talked about what can be done to make the report more useable. First, we are hoping to add a little color to the report of the findings by including some case materials to point up the statistical findings. The section on the sample can be rewritten placing more emphasis on the positive aspects of the study design. Finally, we can add a section giving consideration to previous research in the field and relate it to this study.

It seems to me that there is some merit in trying to present the study as an exploratory one in an under-developed and highly complex research area. It can be emphasized that the findings are consistent both with past findings and with our general expectations. If we can be prepared to be quite frank about the weaknesses in the study design and at the same time emphasize the difficulties of field study in this area then the positive benefits from the effort need not be lost.

Would it be possible for you to give me a clearer picture of the major objectives of the report as you see them and what, in addition to the materials outlined above, we might plan to include in it? I have enjoyed working on the project thus far and I hope that we will be able to produce a satisfactory report that will salvage something from the time and money already expended on the project.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/

Ernest A. T. Barth

October 30, 1954

City Library
Clarksdale,
Mississippi

Dear Sir:

I send the enclosed letter I mailed to the library at Jonestown, and it came back with the envelope marked "No town library here." I, therefore, shall direct the volume to you when it returns.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 30, 1954

Dictated October 29

Miss Sophie Van S. Thies
Secretary
Doris Duke Foundation
41 East Fifty-Seventh Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Thies:

You will be glad to know that the Field Foundation has made an allocation to the Southern Regional Council for expansion of our magazine, New South, totaling $15,000 to be distributed during 1955-56-57, in the amount of $7,000 in January, 1955, $5,000 in January, 1956, and $3,000 in January, 1957. This assures our getting out the magazine in improved form.

So the more shall we be in need of the expanded flow of information and the staff for the interpretive job that we applied to the Doris Duke Foundation for.

I do greatly hope that the Doris Duke Foundation can find a way to come to our aid in this matter for at least a year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 1, 1954

Dr. C.H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

Your note of October 26th to Kack Stony called to our attention the fact that you never got a copy of the "Memorandum of Agreement" about your compensation for work as the Consultant for Program Development for the Southern Regional Council.

On the basis of our conversation in September, G.S.M. approved the following arrangement -- "that effective October 1st, Dr. Parrish will be regarded as Consultant for Program Development on a part time basis. Pay rate to be $35.00 per diem and transportation costs for work outside of Kentucky. (This is based on a budgeted salary basis of $7500 per annum, and an estimate of a maximum of ten or twelve days per month.)"

In submitting the vouchers for payment monthly, it will only be necessary for you to show the dates of work involved and the actual transportation costs. In regard to the voucher dated October 25th, it is not clear whether two days absence or one was involved in the trip to Jackson, Mississippi -- (I am inclined to think that there were two days but you showed only one day's claim for salary).

This latter matter can be straightened out when you come down but you should have a record of the agreement approved on September 23rd by Dr. Mitchell (copy is enclosed) -- hence this letter.

Your forthcoming trip to Atlanta for the staff and board meeting will be paid for as staff.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you on the ninth.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program Planning

GTH/rf
encl.

November 1, 1954

Dr. Rachel Davis DuBois
204 West Eighteenth Street
Workshop for Cultural Democracy
New York, New York

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We have unscrambled the program for our meeting of state staff people, and can now be specific.

There will be no meeting of staff people on Monday, November 8. They will have a morning and afternoon and evening session on Tuesday November 9. You and Mrs. Li will first be getting dinner with the group at 6:00 p.m., at Atlanta University in the dining room of the Atlanta University Graduate Dormitory. And then the evening meeting of the group, which follows dinner and begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts until 9:00 p.m., will have as its principal feature your suggestions on program techniques.

I suppose you will not wish to use more than forty-five minutes or an hour for showing your special techniques, and that the latter part of the evening would go to discussion of that device and of others, coming largely from those present.

We are arranging to have present at the evening meeting a couple from India, and a West African student.

The Board meeting, which comes up Wednesday, November 10, is so crowded that we found no opportunity to bring you and Mrs. Li in for that. And it has also been our staff decision that the daytime meetings, Tuesday, November 9, relate to such intimate organizational matters that it would be best if the group were composed of only SRC people.

So the thing for you and Mrs. Li to do is to arrange to come to Atlanta by any comfortable transportation you prefer that would put you here say on the afternoon of the 9th, enabling you to be present with the group from 6:00 p.m., on on the 9th, and let you go back at whatever hour may be comfortable on the 10th.

Rooms have been reserved for you and Mrs. Li at the Piedmont Hotel.

The Council will be responsible for reimbursement to you and Mrs. Li for the travel and actual expenses involved.

The Piedmont Hotel is in downtown Atlanta. Well known to all cab drivers.

I am sure we are all going to learn a lot, and we are delighted that the two of you are willing to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mrs. Hamilton

NOvember 1, 1954

Mr. Joseph B. Robison
American Jewish Congress
15 E. 84th St.
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Robison:

Here is the NAIRO draft back, with an insert for page 2 and another page 8, much the same as the one we sent you before.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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Copies to —
Mr. Wright — ✓
Members of Nom. Com.

November 1, 1954

Mr. John Hervey Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We are so pleased that you find it possible to serve as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council, and that you can be here for the meeting on November 9th.

Several suggestions occur to us which seem appropriate for the Nominating Committee's consideration. Therefore, this letter to you in advance of the meeting. The Southern Regional Council, which is now a self-perpetuating corporation covering the region, should include in its membership representation of the major areas of influence in Southern life. The support of these "spheres of influence" is needed as the Council tries to build the South of the future. The creation of this sort of group is obviously not a quickly done job. It requires the careful consideration of a group who will have the needs before them for a long enough time to enable them to make clear and sound proposals. It is being suggested, therefore, that a Nominating Committee be elected at the annual meeting to serve and work during the coming year. (Draft of a proposed amendment establishing such a committee is attached.)

The by-laws of the Southern Regional Council define the body as "not more than fifty nor less than forty members"; plus the officers and plus two "ex-officio members" elected by affiliated state organizations. There are seven members' places to be filled this year, and there may also be one vice-president's position. It is being suggested that the Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council be an elected layman in order to increase the identification with, and responsibility for, the financial support of the Council by an officer and his committee.

The Nominating Committee will, therefore, have the following responsibilities:

(1) Nominations to fill the seven vacancies in the membership of the corporation.
(2) Nomination of officers (president, four vice-presidents, and treasurer).
(3) Nominations for the Executive Committee. (Not more than nine plus officers — present Executive Committee list attached.)
(4) Nomination of three members of the Nominating Committee to work during 1955.

In considering the places which can be filled this year, it is noted that representation of white business and financial interests and white Protestant church leadership is either limited or absent. Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Texas, are the geographic areas in which influential white representation is most limited. In the effort to close these gaps the following suggestions have come to us:

Georgia: Treasurer - Mr. J. R. Shelor
Vice-President
Fulton National Bank
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Philip Weltner
Former Chancellor Oglethorpe University

Florida: Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Miami
Lawyer, member of Florida's Board of Control

Alabama: Edward Norton, prominent businessman
Birmingham

Mississippi: Hodding Carter
Editor and Publisher
Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Tennessee: Bishop Roy Short
Methodist Church
Holston Conference (Parts of Tenn. Ky. N.C. and Va.)

Texas: Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
Ryan Petroleum Corporation
First National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas
(Former President Dallas Chamber of Commerce)

Arkansas: Mr. Harry Ashmore
Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock

It is desirable to have some indication prior to submitting their names for election as to whether or not these people would be willing to serve if elected, so some informal inquiries will be made before the Committee's meeting. The members of the Nominating Committee will, no doubt, have other names to add to those which are before us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. — Providing for office of Treasurer and for a Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE II

Section 1A-1. To read: The president, vice presidents, treasurer, the executive director and assistant directors and the counsel shall also be ex-officio members.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Add - Treasurer, after vice-presidents; (change associate director to assistant directors.)

Change present Section 4 to become Section 5.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a nominating committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Corporation at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio member from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the president and the Executive Committee.

The nominating committee shall meet at least thirty (30)days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the corporation; (2) officers of the corporation; (3) members of the executive committee; and (4) those members of the succeeding nominating committee.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Change sentence to read - The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation.

The executive director, assistant directors and the secretary shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council upon the recommendation of the executive committee.

Section 8. Treasurer. Delete:- "and such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the Council.

Add:- the treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Council's finance committee.

MEMORANDUM

November 1, 1954

TO: GSM
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FROM: GTH

RE: MEETING OF STAFF OF SRC STATE AFFILIATES - Nov. 9 - 11

ATTENDANCE: The following state personnel is expected for the meeting of November 9th:

		(Negro Assoc.)
Alabama	Hughes	
Georgia	Wells	Pitts
N. Carolina	Jones	
S. Carolina	Spearman	
Louisiana	Vigo	
Virginia	Emerson Smith	
Texas	Sutt~~erman~~erland	
Ky		

FBR and I have talked about our hopes for the meeting and we make the following suggestions as to areas needing attention and for procedure.

1. Brief description of the historical background of the SRC, and the basis of assistance by the SRC to state organizations "to help establish ongoing, self-sustaining state race relations agencies." (GSM would do this.)

2. A description of the region. This will be done by the staff members present from states with comments about the states not represented contributed by members of the SRC central staff -- FR, CHP, GSM. We suggest the following order for state reports:

   Virginia
   North Carolina
   South Carolina
   Georgia
   Florida
   Alabama
   Louisiana
   Tennessee
   Kentucky
   Arkansas
   Mississippi
   Texas
   Oklahoma

   Each state representative would be asked to answer the following questions in his comments:

   > What are the forces influencing the social climate of your state?
   >
   > What organizations and/or institutions are influencing the climate?

How do you see the role of your state organization in this situation?

3. A review and census of problems and/or questions needing answers.

It is likely that the period from 10:00 through lunch will be needed for this part of the meeting.

We have listed the following topics as ones upon which time should be spent during the afternoon. (We would expect questions within these areas to be raised during the period spent on Item 3 above.)

~~Race~~ Press relations and publicity (HCF)
Principles of budgeting and financing
Bookkeeping and finance reporting procedures (KS)
New South promotion
State organization membership promotion
Relations with other organizations
Program resources available and/or needed

My suggestion is that we talk over this plan to determine other consultants who might be invited to work with the group on some of these matters, in addition to the SRC members who, of course, would be involved in the areas of their particular competence. (GSM, HCF, CHP, FBR, MET, AH, GTH) These periods could be handled like "workshop sessions."

The evening period (7:00 to 9:00) following dinner at Atlanta University with Mrs. Rachel Davis duBois will be regarded as part of the staff's consideration of program techniques which they may find helpful (the Gokales have been invited to participate in this period and to have supper with the group).

The schedule at present in terms of time and place is as follows:

Tuesday, Nov. 9	10:00 to lunch Lunch 2:00 to 4:30 (Nominating Committee at 2:00, GSM and GTH involved) Dinner Evening period - 7:00 to 9:00 All meetings to be held at the Atlanta University School of Social Work building -- place of dinner to be determined.
Wednesday, Nov. 10	— S.R.C. Meeting —
Thursday, Nov. 11	10:00 to 12:30 - a completion of staff meeting throug lunch, AU School of Social Work (Annual meeting of Georgia Committee also scheduled for Exhibition Room, AU Library on this day.)

November 1, 1954

Dictated October 29

Dr. Robert C. Weaver
John Hay Whitney Foundation
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Weaver:

The Whitneys and the Foundation have put substance under a good many useful things which we have been able to do in the past. One comes up now that I would like to ask the Foundation to consider supporting with some such sum as a thousand dollars.

It is the opportunity of doing further work with the Church people, and particularly the church women of the South.

The consensus of the Court's decision on the schools, threatens, in the lower South, and in too many parts of the upper South, to strain beyond the breaking point the region's poor resources in lay and civic democracy. The churches can do a lot to repair or prevent the breaks. As Harry Ashmore pointed out the other evening at the Herald-Tribune Forum, the leadership of every significant religious group in the South which broke off from their national body over the issue of slavery has, within the last few months made strong pronouncements supporting the moral rightness of the Supreme Court's decision. But pronouncements by Synods and Conferences and Conventions and Associations, though significant and very useful, do not automatically reach into the minds of local Church people. And our observation is that something more needs to be done organisationally than is likely to be done within most of the formal Church bodies.

The Council is newly armed with a pretty good device for getting much of this done. We now have paid staff in six of the states and will shortly have it in the rest. Our membership in the state organisations will be growing in local communities across the South. And so will our program. And nearly all of it will involve Church people.

We have got Mrs. Tilly full-time as an employee of the Southern Regional Council in charge of work with the church women leaders. It is for her to travel more widely and to convene church women leaders for at least a single large meeting on this issue that funds are needed.

It might be thought that our handsome grant from the Fund for the Republic should take care of this and other needs. The truth is that that grant had to be trimmed to the barest minimum necessary for the job of getting a dozen state race relations agencies going, and we are without funds for many rewarding things that we know should be done. One of them is a job of what I call research interpretation, and I am asking for help from another foundation for that. Still another is improving New South, and the Marshall Field Foundation has agreed to help with that.

You are familiar with the Fellowship of the Concerned, into whose treasury we put the entirety of the grant which the John Hay Whitney Foundation so kindly made in April, 1953. I wrote you October 29th of the success of the meeting which used up the greater part of that grant. I do not think it unfair to say that that meeting had quite a lot to do with the alert and forthright way in which the various denominations spoke out officially after the Supreme Court's decision.

The Fellowship of the Concerned has in its treasury a present balance of $377.99. It is a most convenient vehicle for getting things done. The women like it and its informality enables it to have just about the desired links with the religious groupings.

A thousand dollars this year or next year, put into the Fellowship of the Concerned, would be richly rewarding in improved responses from public opinion over the South to the whole matter of integrated education. It is not SRC's business, though it is Mrs. Tilly's, to lay out in exact detail the travel and conferences which she would arrange if she had a thousand dollars in the Fellowship treasury. And I assure you that we would all be interested, as we have been in the past, in seeing that the sum contributed its utmost to a helpful response from people in Southern communities.

I enclose the audit for 1953, a copy of which you may have in any case.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

November 2, 1954

Dictated October 29

Mr. W. W. Holland
Cotton Plant,
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Holland:

Again, all I can say is that if we could sit down together I am sure we would find ourselves in agreement on almost every point. I am so sorry that there is all this distance between us. If you get any opportunity to come over to Atlanta, do come to see us here in the Council.

Emphatically, I do not push aside all the burden of chicanery and cruelty in the past and in the present. I try my best to be sensitive to it at all times.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1954

UNESCO Publications Service
475 5th Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please send us the following publication:

COURIER, October, 1954.

Twenty-five cents in stamps is enclosed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 2, 1954

Dictated October 29

Mr. Irving Kane
Chairman
Special Committee on Reassessment
National Community Relations Advisory Council
Nine East Thirty-Eighth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Kane:

I am dreadfully sorry that I have an engagement standing now for many months to teach for the whole week of December 5-10 at a Southwestern A.F. of L. school at Mineral Wells, Texas, and that cuts me out of accepting your kind invitation to be present at the NCRAC meeting at Atlantic City December 9-11.

I will do my best in the next few days to study with care Will Maslow's paper and send you my comments.

Most kind of Maurice Fagan to suggest that you invite me, and I am sorry as can be that I can't be a part of the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1954

Dictated October 29

Mr. Newton Aiken
The Sun
Baltimore 3, Maryland

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Delighted that you are coming. I will be here. My best time with you would be November 8th, as the annual meeting of our Board of Directors comes up November 10, and we have state staff people in on November 9 and 11. So, come and see me November 8th as early in the day as is workable with you, and we can talk.

William Gordon is an able young man for you to talk with. He is an editor of the Atlanta Daily World. Was a Neiman Fellow. His address is 210 Auburn Avenue, where the telephone is WAlnut 1495.

Otherwise, and in addition, you might try to see Mr. William Boyd, state president of the NAACP for Georgia, who lives at 604 Beckwith Street, S. W., ALpine 0630 (on leave from Atlanta University this semester, so likely to be at home), or Dean B. R. Brazeal of Morehouse College, whose office is at 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., with telephone WAlnut 1173. Or, if he will be available, President B. E. Mays of Morehouse College, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., MAin 4223. In addition, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton formerly Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League, is now assistant director of SRC and may be reached in this office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1954

Dictated October 29

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

You will be pleased to hear that we have had a letter this week from the Marshall Field Foundation, saying that they had approved an allocation to the Southern Regional Council of $15,000 stretched over the three years beginning January 1, 1955, for aid to New South. $7,000 the first year, $5,000 the second, and $3,000 the third.

We think that with diligent work on building the subscriptions list, this will be enough to guarantee a really much improved publication beginning the first of the year.

We are extremely grateful to the Marshall Field Foundation for this grant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1954

Mr. Robert G. Menefee
3919 Shawnee Pass
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter. My guess is that the Reverend Mister Carriger, for some reason, never received the list of county weeklies which you sent him. If you still have the list, I think it would be best if you simply sent a copy to Mr. Carriger. That will save us the trouble of trying to construct a matching list out of a much more limited knowledge of the area. If you have only one copy and would like us to do the typing, send it along and then we will return it. If for any reason it isn't feasible, let me know and we will dig around in Ayer's Directory.

In any case, we expect to continue to be in touch with Mr. Carriger, who sounds like a good guy.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

November 2, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: FRB
CHP

FROM: GTH

I have talked this afternoon with Mrs. Coe in Memphis who regrets that she is already too committed to other organizations to be able to accept responsible position with the Tennessee Division of the SRC. She is interested and will be willing to help in ways that she can. She suggested two names, in addition to Miss Ethel Niermeyer, whom she thought would be vaulable additions to the board from the West Tennessee area. They are:

Mrs. Joe McMillan
3679 Poplar Street
Memphis, Tenn.

and

Mrs. King Jamison
Jackson, Tenn.

I later talked with Miss Niermeyer and urged her to attend the Nashville meeting on November 6th and, if possible, to talk with Reverend McDaniel and Mrs. Coe regarding their nominations (in addition to themselves) for the executive board. She agreed to come and said that she hoped very much that Mrs. Harriet Walker would also be able to come.

Miss Niermeyer retires from her professional job with the YWCA this Spring but will probably be continuing to live in the state. Her knowledge of people and interest in developing program will be vaulable to us.

Telephone numbers:

Mrs. Coe -- 48-8034
Miss Niermeyer -- 37-9486 (YWCA)

November 2, 1954

Dictated October 29

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We are sending you, separately, the article on recreation which the man, McKay, formerly at Emory, has finally put into the *Virginia Law Review*. This is the working out of a proposal you made. We are purchasing twenty-five of the reprints and will send one to each state organization and will keep a few here for people who may need them.

I do hope you will try to come to Atlanta at least on the 9th, and possibly on the 8th also. There are so many things to be checked on here ahead of time. And we will be having the state staff people in on the 9th, 10th, and 11th, and you should appear before then on the 9th. Most helpful, also, if you could be here on the 8th.

We have gotten a good deal further with names for the Board, and think there will be some pretty good proposals to make to the Nominating Committee which meets the afternoon of the 9th.

You will be cheered as we all were to hear that the Marshall Field Foundation, in response to our request for $10,000 a year for each of three years for *New South* beginning January 1, has agreed that we may have from them $7,000 for 1955, $5,000 for 1956, and $3,000 for 1957. I think that if we can build subscriptions pretty rapidly, those sums will be sufficient, and they will help enormously in getting the gross amount we must have raised as required by the Fund for the Republic. Indeed, as of January 1, when that sum comes in, we will have raised, I should think, twenty-one or twenty-two thousand of the forty thousand that we must raise by September 30, 1955. That is to say that at mid-point we will be a little more than halfway. And our best money-raising months are the first five or six months of each calendar year.

If the exhibit material (your copy) is available to you, will you try to bring or send it to us? Helpful in working up the historical pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1954

Dictated November 1

First Lieutenant Scott Hamilton, Jr.
AO185960
Sixty-Seventh Reconnaissance Technical Squadron
APO 76
San Francisco, California

Dear Scott:

I relinquish you to architecture, but I am not sure I can approve. I confess I had against all reason forgotten about the Oxford business and all that.

A few bits of advice that may be helpful I can give you about Oxford.

(1) Read a lot about the place ahead of time. It is a shame the way we just jump in without knowing what it is all about, and tread on hallowed grounds all unawares. Not guidebook stuff, but history of the University and the colleges. The best thing I have come across lately is a volume by a woman, Joanna Cannan, who must be daughter to Edwin Cannan, a most distinguished economist of the last generation. The book is called Oxfordshire, and is published in a volume of English county history. It was the first thing I had ever read that made clear the development of each of the main colleges. And she did it by an interesting device, laying out for you the personality, times, sources of wealth, and influential connections of each of the founders. Thus, you have got to see what the old boy was about when he shelled out the dough -- even though the dates were 1263 or 1310.

(2) I made a most serious mistake in my Oxford career by being insensitive to the little nubbin hints of advice that persons responsible for advice and guidance to me did afford. It takes an instrument almost as delicate as that machine that finds bumps in railroad tracks to perceive their advice. In a most offhand manner came the don who was advising me and said "Of course, what you ought to do is go straight on through with the regular B. A. degree." I didn't even know he was advising me. Good Lord! He was so right and I should have done just what he said! But that is the way Oxford works. They just dump you in and if you can come out you have done well. If it gets you, it is not their fault, it is pure yours. No two circumstances are sufficiently similar for advice from one ex-Oxford man to mean much to the other. But for what it is worth, I suggest you do talk closely with some responsible person from BNC about what you should be doing. Don't let them just slot you in #237 or #243 and turn you loose. Make them go over what you have done and what you want to do.

(3) Oxfordshire churches are the finest guide to English architecture an ordinary bloke can find. Take yourself to Blackwell's bookshop and buy an Ordinance Survey of Oxford and District, and on a pushbike comb the ground. There is available some little guide to the architecture thereabouts. What little I know about Perpendiculars and Early English I learned that way.

(4) It is rather a bum place to study -- damp, muggy, and lazy. Smart thing to do is to do what they do; scratch at a few books during term time and enjoy yourself, but work like the dickens in the vacations. That is a complete reversal of what we understand by college, but they are right and we are wrong. And they give you about six months in the year to study away from Oxford. That is a little hard for us because there is so much we want to see when we get away from Oxford. It usually means going somewhere quiet and staying there two months or four months and just reading books.

(5) Simple way to handle your money is to repair yourself early in the game to the bank manager at one of the local banks. I used the Westminster. Barclay's or any other works the same. Stick your money in with them and get a stack of checks and handle matters by check. The myth that you may have overdrafts is, for ordinary mortals, only a myth. I think that business of overdrafts arose for the gentry who had landed property and a full settlement once a generation. For plain us, you have to have money in the bank. I think, if I were you, I would drop around early in the game to see the Oxford Secretary to the Rhodes Trustees at Rhodes House in Oxford and tell him who you are and where you are and that you would be grateful for such spill-over advisings as he may have opportunity to give you. The old boy has nursed some hundreds of Americans through Oxford and knows out of the intimacy of their relationship to him exactly what the pitfalls and opportunities are. And he is not too busy to give you the advantage of his experience.

Presumably, they won't let you live on the college for but a year. You get much less college life out in lodgings than you do in that one year. So make the fullest college use of that one year in college. BNC for some centuries has had a reputation of being check full of great raving heartys, and are rather skimpy in things academic (spoken like a Baliol man, you may well say!). So, if they give you a chance to hook on for tutorials to a don in some college that notoriously studies hard, do not lightly turn down the offer. I, myself, learned far more from the fortunate circumstances of visits, sometimes stretching to a month or more, in the homes of certain University professors, than ever I did in college.

Lastly, a man your age would be wise to be married for his two years at Oxford. Maybe you have the talent of eschewing the hunt for gals. I had it not!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1954

Dictated November 1

Mr. Milton H. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

I promised to be at the YMCA-YWCA Student Conference at Southern University all day Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14, in the custody of the girl who called you, Miss Sarah Dickey Ennis. Her telephone is LSU 86511, Extension 168. Home address is 158 East Eighth Street, Telephone 86087.

They are going to put on what promises to be a most instructive show of how to get schools open.

If you can be there, it would be profitable for us both to watch the program and talk more about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR

November 2, 1954

Mr. Robert S. Kieve
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

Excellent news! Rabb should be very happy.

Just to show you how pleased I am, I'm adding you to the mailing list of our little publication "New South," so that you will have more material that you don't have time to read.

Once you've recuperated from your pre-election exertions, and have cased your new duties, let me know how I can be useful.

Regards.

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rf

November 2, 1954

Mr. M.A. Wright
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for letting us see your proposed speech for the occasion honoring Judge Waring. Dr. Mitchell, Frederick Routh and I have all read it admiringly. It is as graceful and eloquent a tribute as I have read, and it should gladden the Judge's heart.

I have no criticisms to offer, but Dr. Mitchell is returning the manuscript to you, with a note of his own, in case you need an additional copy. I hope it reaches you before your departure.

Plans are proceeding apace for the various meetings of next week. I look forward to being with you then.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

November 3, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Appreciate a lot your letter of November 2. So glad you picked a man that sounds mighty good. And we are delighted that he promises his attendance at the meeting; and are particularly pleased that you are coming yourself.

My secretary has Sutherland's letter of October 24th to hand to you at the Board meeting.

Reservations have been made for you at the Atlantan Hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 3, 1954

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
Counseling and Public Relations
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

We are mighty pleased to have news of your selection by the Texas Commission.

And, I am particularly delighted that your selection begins just at the time when we can all see the new guy!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb
cc: Mrs. Crate

Air Mail

November 3, 1954

Bishop Marvin Franklin
Milsaps Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Biship Franklin:

I'm wondering if you could see me in your office one day either the week of November 15th or November 22nd. I am due to make a trip to Mississippi and I want to plan it when I may have a conference with you.

Mississippi owes thanks to Georgia for giving it a bishop.

With every good wish to you, I am awaiting your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

November 3, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Many thanks for the *Schools and the Courts*, all generously prepaid.

I do hope our two-~~dollars~~ daughters are together at St. Andrews.

Sinserely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 3, 1954

Miss Elsa Alsberg
Executive Director
Palo Alto Fair Play Council
Room 8
180 University Avenue
Palo Alto, California

Dear Miss Alsberg:

We appreciate a lot your kind letter of October 27th about Dr. Hannah and some useful dental supplies.

We talked to one or two quite able Negro dentists in Atlanta and were told that the agency which could make best use of the supplies was the West Side Health Center, 186 Sunset Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, the dental part of which is under the direction of a Negro dentist, Dr. A. V. Cohen. We talked with Dr. Cohen, who said that he really stood in need of such supplies and said that he would be glad to have them for use with non-paying patients.

So, if Dr. Hannah could send them on to Dr. Cohen, that would be quite a helpful step.

I go back to the days of Larry Hewes, who long ago lived at Palo Alto and who, in a subsequent West Coast stay, helped get the whole race relations movement going on the Coast.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Same ltr to: Mr. Wells
Mr. Brimm
Mrs. Spearman
Mr. Smith (C. Emerson)

November 4, 1954

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Secretary
The Alabama Division of the Southern
Regional Council
Room 206
Moore Building, Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Dr. Charles Johnson of Fisk University wrote me, in a letter that came in today, that a Southwide Conference is being held at Fisk University on things to do about school integration. Ought to be a good meeting.

The Conference has enough money to pay people's maintenance while at Nashville, but can't pay travel. Comes off November 26th and 27th at Fisk.

I gave Dr. Johnson your name, and you will probably be invited. I am going.

Looks to me like a good thing to learn at.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

November 4, 1954

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Delighted to be present at the Fisk Conference November 26th and 27th. Unfortunately, I have promised to be in Birmingham on the night of the 26th, but I can slip down there on the plane and be back at Fisk the next morning.

I am sure you will have thought of most of the people who ought to come. As a precaution, I suggest that you invite Mrs. Ruby Hurley, who is Regional Secretary of the NAACP, 624 Masonic Temple Building, 1630 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama.

I would appreciate it if an invitation could go to Mr. Robert Hughes, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council, Room 206, Moore Building, Court Street, Montgomery. Also to Mr. Guy Wells, Executive Secretary of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta. Also, Mrs. Alice Spearman, the Executive Secretary of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, 3315 Colin Kelly Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

Emerson Smith, Secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia, is head of an independent agency and may be able to come. Quite helpful if he could.

For Kentucky, I suggest Mr. Hugh Brimm, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in his capacity as unpaid president of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations which has not yet selected paid personnel.

I doubt the need of inviting the new Executive Secretary in Texas, Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, or our Executive Secretary in Louisiana, Mr. Milton C. Vigo.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 4, 1954

Dictated November 3

Miss Mary Frayser
Box 41
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Miss Mary:

It is each person's decision for himself on the Southern Conference Educational Fund. I have never thought it a Communist group, and I certainly do not think Jim Dombrowski is, or has been, a Communist. What I have always said is that in any situation with as much injustice in it as there is in the South, it is right that there should be a voice of protest pitched as high as they pitch theirs. I just don't care to pitch mine that high, but . . . .

Delighted to hear of progress in Rock Hill and elsewhere in the State.

I hope the near future will let me pay you another visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Sent NS August 1954 "Churches Speak"
plus attached list

November 4, 1954

Mrs. Alice H. Lewis
National Board, YWCA
600 Lexington Ave.
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to send you a file of statements on school segregation made by major church denominations.

I am not sure just how much material you wanted, so if the enclosed statements are not sufficient for your purposes, we also have in our office copies of statements from the following sources which can be forwarded:

Councils of Churches -- Georgia, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina
Washington, D. C. Federation of Churches
St. Louis, Mo. Federation of Churches
Gainesville, Ga. Ministerial Association

United Church Women--Florida, S. C., Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah

Presbyterian synods -- South Carolina, Virginia

South Georgia Methodist Conference

Virginia Baptist Convention, Alabama Baptist Sunday School Board

Society of Friends, Philadelphia

I am also enclosing a summary of progress in desegregation of Catholic schools in the South.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court that segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional gives a clear status in law to a fundamental Christian and American principle. The decision will have far-reaching effects in the whole nation and the world.

It offers the promise of further steps for translating into reality Christian and democratic ideals. The decision is a milestone in the achievement of human rights, another evidence of the endeavor to respect the dignity and worth of all men.

The complexity of emplementing the decision is recognized by the Court which has set the cases for further reargument on the formulation of the decrees. To put the decision into effect will test the goodwill and discipline of people in many communities. Adjustment will be more difficult in some localities than others. In the period of transition from one pattern to another (whatever the length of the period to be prescribed by the Court), we know that the churches and individual Christians will continue to exert their influence and leadership to help the authorized agencies in the several communities to bring about a complete compliance with the decision of the Supreme Court. The law of neighborliness is the great guide available to Christians as they deal with this situation in their local communities. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as theyself." The second part of the Great Commandment contains the potential for lifting men to a new level of social responsibility and for creating new dimensions of human brotherhood.

Adopted by the General Board, National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the USA, May 19, 1954

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA

United Church Women in assembly at Atlantic City, October 5-8, 1953, go on record as favoring the ending of segregation in the public schools.

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, relative to segregated schools in this nation, is now pending. Whatever this decision may be, Christian women face the immediate urgency of finding ways to meet the impact of the decision on their community patterns and practices. It is recommended that state and local councils acquaint themselves and their communities with the decision and help all groups concerned to understand its implications and to make the adjustments that may be necessary.

CATHOLIC INTERRACIAL COUNCIL

We are gratified with the clearness, completeness and unanimity of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the school segregation cases.

This is a logical step in the expansion and perfection of American democracy. The next step is the creation and practice of community educational patterns consistent with the spirit and intent of the court decision.

We are confident that throughout the country thoughtful citizens will support with appropriate efforts this historic reaffirmation of the principle of equality of all men before the law.

(Statement of the Catholic Interracial Council, May 18, 1954)

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

The Synagogue Council of America greets with deep satisfaction the historic decision of the Supreme Court of the United States ending segregation in the public schools of America.

This decision is another expression of the Prophetic insistence that in the eyes of God all men are his children and therefore equal, regardless of their religion or race.

The sincere believer in the Fatherhood of God must believe in the brotherhood of man and consequently that what is basic in our neighbor is the color of his conduct, not his skin.

This epic pronouncement illumines again the great soul of America; it is conclusive repudiation of the Communist challenge to the genuineness of America's democratic avowals.

(The Synagogue Council of America is the coordinating agency for the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform branches of Judaism)

AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

We commend the United States Supreme Court in its historic decision of 1954 outlawing segregation in public education. We affirm our belief that God is no respecter of persons, that every individual is of infinite worth in His sight, and that it is His will that the law of Christian love operate in all human relationships. We urge American Baptists to increase their opposition to other areas of segregation -- housing, employment, recreation, church participation. We urge local churches to carry forward educational programs dealing with this issue, and we propose cooperation with other Christian bodies of like mind.

(Adopted by the American Baptist Convention, Minnaepolis, Minn., May 28, 1954)

STATEMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, S. T. D., Archbishop of San Antonio,Tex. — Since my coming among you twelve years ago I have urged clergy and laity, in season and out of season, to stop the sin of racial segregation and to treat all human beings as children of God. It is quite obvious that most encouraging progress has been made.

In the field of morality and particularly in the field of social justice and social charity Catholics should lead, not follow. If secular government, military leaders and privateorganizationscan eliminate the sins of segregation and discrimination we can do so too. Certain un-Christian attitudes on the part of our people have been tolerated by moral theologians "forthe time being." The day of racial injustice has passed. The day of Christ-like charity has arrived.

Henceforth no Catholic child may be refused admittance to any school maintained by the Archdiocese merely for reasons of color, race or poverty. Students applying to our schools who possess the necessary qualifications of morality and academic standing no longer may be denied a Christian education because of their color.

(In pastoral letter to all priests of the diocese, April 5, 1954)

Most Rev. Albert L. Fletcher, Bishop of Little Rock, Ark. — "...But now the highest civil court in the land has judged segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional. This decision clears the way legally for the Church to act more freely in giving to all races the same benefits she is able to provide for the practice of their holy religion.

It is especially urgent that Catholic Negro children be admitted to any Catholic school available in places where there is no Catholic school especially for them. Hence every reasonable effort should be made by the pastor and people to make it possible for these children to attend a Catholic school of the place.

As you will notice from the contents of this letter, there is nothing to get excited about. I am merely outlining what has been the constant teaching of the Church and I am asking your cooperation in working earnestly to take advantage of the opportunity given us by the recent Supreme Court decision to make available equally to all races the benefits which the church is able to provide for the salvation of immortal souls.

Finally, let me remind some Catholics that persons of every race, creed and nation should be made to feel at home in every Catholic church. Every Catholic church is God's house, not only because it is dedicated to Him; not only because we pray and sing there in His honor; no even because we hear His gospel preached there. Every Catholic church is God's house in a more personal way — it is where He dwells, body and soul in the Blessed Sacrament. He is the Host — we are the guests. All are His, not our, invited guests. Anyone who is good enough for Him to invite, certainly ought to be good enough for us to accept. His Church, you know, is Catholic."

(Pastoral letter to all priests of the diocese, Sept., 1954)

Most Rev. Vincent J. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, N. C. — Beginning therefore with the fall semester of 1954, our Catholic parochial high schools of the Diocese of Raleigh will register and accept for class work all Catholic high school students no matter to what race they belong, provided that they are Catholics ad qualified for high school work.

(Pastoral letter of August, 1954)

Bishop Waters issued another letter at the same time to Catholic hospital superintendents in his diocese asking that they: "Open all facilities of our Catholic hospitals to Catholic Negroes, in any places where this has not been done already, and to non-Catholic Negroes as far as extra room may permit. Permit qualified Negro physicians and surgeons to take care of these patients whenever possible, especially by offering opportunities for work to Negroes to help solve their problems."

In June, 1953, Bishop Waters said in part: "In North Carolina until a few years ago there were no special Catholic churches for our colored people and all Catholics worshipped God together irrespective of race. In order to give a special impetus to the missionary work among the colored people, former Bishops of Raleigh contracted with various religions communities of men and women for specialized work among these people.

"So that in the future there can be no misunderstanding on the part of anyone, let me state here as emphatically as I can: There is no segregation of races to be tolerated in any Catholic church in the diocese of Raleigh."

STATEMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL EPISCOPAL BISHOPS

Bishop Dun, Washington, D. C. — The decision has struck at the heart of the matter in bringing out the basic issue -- the treatment of a whole group as essentially inferior, and that is the most serious injury done by segregation. It will bring us towards a society in which Christian relationships will be freer to express themselves. It should leave the Church humble in that the state is actually in many ways moving ahead of us.

Bishop Carruthers, South Carolina -- We've faced difficult problems before and have found solutions. It will take some time to work out, but we must keep poise and not be led into snap judgements. It will require wisdom and understanding on the part of both races, but I'm sure we will find a solution.

Bishop Duncan M. Gray, Jackson, Miss. -- I'm glad that the Supreme Court decision was unanimous. I would have been worried if it were not. I'm quite sure we can work out all problems, and I doubt it there will be any trouble.

November 5, 195

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM
FROM: GTH

RE: Telephone conversation November 5th with Mrs. E.U. Robinson, member of Nominating Committee, Gallatin, Tennessee

I called Mrs. Robinson because we had had no word about her being able to come for the Nominating Committee meeting on November 9th and no final word about her coming to the SRC meeting November 10th, and also to ask her judgment about the Committee's proposing Bishop Roy Short as a member of the SRC.

She said that she received the notice of the date of the Nominating Committee's meeting too late to plan to come and she greatly regretted it. She also felt that she could not come to the SRC meeting because of the pressure of her schedule. She was enthusiastic about the possibility of electing Bishop Short to the Council's membership, agreed to see him and find out whether he would be willing to serve and to let us know by telegram before the morning of November 10th.

In the event Bishop Short is unavailabl
she agreed that Bishop Watkins (Kentucky and parts of west Tennessee including Memphis) would be a very desirable alternate.

mf

November 5, 1954

Miss Ethel Niermeyer
Young Women's Christian Association
200 ~~Twenty~~ Monroe Avenue
Memphis 3, Tennessee

Dear Ethel:

Many thanks for your excellent suggestions about Memphis people who may be available and interested in working with the state organization of the Southern Regional Council in Tennessee. I have passed these suggestions on to the members of the organizing committee who will be thinking about possibilities at the meeting in Nashville tomorrow.

We are sorry that you felt it unwise to take on this responsibility now, but understand -- and will count on your advice and judgment as we try to move ahead in west Tennessee.

It was like old times to talk with you on the telephone the other day.

Sincerely,

Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

GTH/eab

November 5, 1954

Mr. Homer G. Dyer
J. H. Berry Realty Company
2910 Twenty-Seventh Street
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dyer:

I am to take part in a conference in the daytime on November 26th and 27th, and shall be coming to Birmingham by plane, arriving at 6:15 p.m. on the 26th at the airport from Nashville. I will get myself on into town and pick up a room at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, if that is all right with you. And then, I shall have to be leaving Birmingham the next morning at 9:00 a.m. to get back to Nashville.

That makes it a little cheaper for your group.

If you will be kind enough to reserve a single room for me at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, I will be grateful.

But write me later exactly when and where in Birmingham you want me to appear.

Or would it be a good plan for you and me to have dinner downtown together that evening before the meeting?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/esh
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

police report
enclosed

November 5, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Small item, but of interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 8, 1954

Mr. Robert B. McKay
New York University School of Law
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Bob:

A thousand thanks.

Regards.

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

November 8, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Here is the pamphlet with the map in its much improved state. Nobody praises the lurid pinky-purple. But in the manipulation with screens and the colors, that is what came out. Next time I have a job like this to do I will get you to put your knowledge on it.

We would love to send you any amount you want. This new printing cost us 15.4¢ per copy. Could we charge you that much rather than 15¢ flat?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - afa (revised)

November 8, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Staff

FROM: GSM

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois arrives by Eastern Air Lines today, Monday, at 4:46 p.m. Her assistant, Mew-soong Li arrives by train at 3:45 p.m. today also.

Object of early arrival -- ascertain the lie of the land.

HCF
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November 8, 1954

Mr. Ross Groshong
1824 Villa Drive
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Ross:

Thanks for the good suggestions. The idea a magazine article on the hate groups is fine, b Bem is an unknown quantity. No further word fro him since you two left. Maybe the vigilantes go him in Mississippi. If he turns up alive and we I will pass the idea along to him. Incidentally the act is getting crowded; ADL has just publish a survey of the same sort.

The idea of a Southwide declaration has bee knocking around in various forms. If we can figure out a way to promote one that will carry any weight, we will do.

Your shaving paraphernalia sits on my burea awaiting packaging and mailing. I would stick i under the house if I thought that would get you back any ~~time~~ sonner. We will hope anyway.

Regards.

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

November 8, 1954

Reverend G. Jackson Stafford
First Baptist Church
Batesburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Stafford:

So far as I know, the most exhaustive treatment of the relevance of biblical texts to racial attitudes, was done by a Commission appointed by The Christian Council of South Africa.

The best thing on race and biology is a pamphlet by Leslie C. Dunn for UNESCO. The name of the pamphlet is Race and Biology. Obtainable in the U.S.A. from Columbia University Press, New York. Twenty-five cents plus postage.

We can and do give you the South African one.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 8, 1954

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November 9, 1954

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Aide to the
Secretary of Defense
Pentagon Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

You may recall our recent telephone conversation in which you gave me one or two suggestions of military personnel in the South Carolina area who might speak to the Anderson Human Relations Council on integration in the armed services. I have passed these suggestions on to the Reverend Carl R. Pritchett, who was very grateful.

Since the proposed meeting on that subject will not take place for several months, any further suggestions from your files will be appreciated by us and by Mr. Pritchett.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

November 10, 1954

Mrs. William H. Hogue
5319 Cherokee
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hogue:

Appreciate your wire very much. We had a good meeting -- perhaps the most constructive meeting the Council Board has ever had.

We all need your continuing help with the program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 10, 1954

Mr. Jacob Reddix
President
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reddix:

So sorry you couldn't come. The meeting was excellent -- perhaps the most constructive we have ever had.

I lean greatly on your judgment in selecting the right person for the Mississippi group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 10, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Nice of you to come, and we were benefitted by your presence.

I am sorry I forgot to take you quite on to the hotel yesterday; I should have.

You have got a good man in Sutherland and I think things will go well in your state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 11, 1954

Mrs. J.W. Clark
Utica, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I will be in Jackson, Mississippi, on Wednesday of next week.

I do not believe Utica is very far away. I would like to have you meet with us there.

At present I do not know a place but will call you when I reach Jackson.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf
Air Mail

November 11, 1954

Mrs. E.V. Perry
Rolling Fork
Mississippi

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November 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: GTH

From: GSM

Will you be good enough to take responsibility for:

(1) Reshaping the resolution re nominating committee back into proper language for use as a By-Law amendment; and as a consequence of that giving an official memo to Katherine Stoney suggesting the proposed amending language and putting a copy of it in a folder for the next meeting of the Executive Committee for their similar approval;

(2) Correspond with the three persons elected to next year's nominating committee (Mays and Hammer were absent -- Brimm was present), notifying the absentees of their election.

(3) Prepare another memorandum re probable vacancies for next year. Ask them to begin figuring out suggestions. Decide whether you wish to summon them for an early meeting or what.

(4) Be responsible for prompting the Executive Committee to make its two further elections jointly with Marion Wright at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

In other words, handle the business of the nominating committee.

November 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: ~~GTH~~ 7.R.

From: GSM

The Georgia Interracial Committee had before it this morning for adoption, By-Laws. Evidently taken from stencils which we had prepared headed "Suggested By-Laws for Affiliates of the Southern Regional Council," or some such heading. They had copied word for word Article III, where it says that "any person believing in the purposes of the Southern Regional Council may become a member of the ______________________."

I suggested to Guy Wells that he alter the language to read "any person believing in the purposes of the Georgia Committee may become a member."

I do not know whether this is an error adherent in our distributed sample By-Laws, or whether it is an error adherent in the Georgia Committee. If the first, please do what you can to correct.

November 11, 1954

The Very Reverend Msgr. Francis J. Lally
The Pilot
49 Franklin Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Monsignor Lally:

Many thanks for your letter of November 8th, and I will look forward to the gathering for dinner in the main dining room of the Sheraton Plaza at 6:00 p.m., November 17.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/emb

November 11, 1954

Mr. Crawford Solomon
Convention Press
218 West Church Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Crawford:

The enclosed issue of New South called "The Churches Speak," gives a useful quote from the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Province of Sewanee. That includes and covers Florida. I believe the meeting which adopted that statement recommended that within each Episcopal Diocese the Department of Christian Social Relations make up its mind before a major church meeting coming up in November as to where that department and that Diocese should stand on the matter of school segregation.

Of course, what I want to happen is local church-related discussion meetings of white and Negro people to figure out what to do town by town, and neighborhood by neighborhood, about the integration of schools together.

Maybe the Herald-Trib speech will help you. Here's a copy.

I send you, separately, such back issues of the Southern Education Reporting Service paper as we have. You can subscribe to it at P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee, and they will be glad to send it on to you free. Plus the back copies if you ask.

Had a nice time with your brother at a party after the first Herald-Trib speech-making. I liked Sarah Lawrence and was glad he was there, and at once hooked his surname on to yours and we became good friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: August, 1954, New South
Herald-Tribune Forum speech

November 11, 1954

Mr. Richard Foster
Elford Street
Greenville, S.C.

Dear Mr. Foster:

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I will be driving down to South Carolina from Washington, D.C., and could very easily be in Greenville on Sunday, the 21st. It would be wise for Mrs. Spearman to run up there and the three of us could drive down together in my car on Monday morning. It would give us a good chance to talk things over on Sunday afternoon and on Monday morning while en route so that I would have a better concept of the developments in South Carolina.

Dr. Parrish will be flying into Columbia Monday from his home in Louisville, Kentucky. If there is any further information that you would like please let us know. Looking forward to working with you in helping to organize a strong committee for the South Carolina Division, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

FBR/rnf

Copy: Mr. Parrish
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Copy: Mr. Parrish
Mrs. Spearman

November 11, 1954

MEMORANDA

TO: C.H. Parrish

FROM: G.T. Hamilton

Made some inquiries about possibilities of your getting to Columbia on Monday, November 22nd. You can leave Louisville on Eastern Airlines at 9:50 a.m., arriving in Columbia at 2:30 p.m. (This is by way of a direct connection in Atlanta.)

There is another plane leaving Louisville 12:05 noon, arriving Columbia 8:40 p.m. (This is also by way of Atlanta.)

Piedmont Airlines has service to Charlotte which connects with Eastern to Columbia but there plane leaves Louisville at 11:05, arriving Charlotte 3:11 just misses connections. The only other leaves Louisville at 3:35 p.m. and does not reach Columbia until 9:20 p.m. It looks as if the 9:50 Eastern is your best bet.

Hope your other problems work out.

November 11, 1954

Mrs. W.J. Lylles
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lylles:

You may have had a note from Rabbi Mantinband telling you that I would be in Jackson on Monday but it will be Wednesday before I can be in Jackson. Please find a place where a group of us can meet together.

The Rabbi suggests: Rev. Hovatter
Mrs. Ellis Finger, from the college
Mrs. G.C. Alford, 632 Chuckasaw
Mrs. Paul Arrington
Dr. Reddix
Mrs. Warren, from Tugaloo College
Chaplain Mongram, from Tugaloo College
Mrs. Celia Davidson, from the Veteran's Hospital
Mrs. Mahafey
Miss Mosell Eubanks, from Bethlehm Center, Secretary of YWCA
Mrs. Tim Cooper

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you on Wednesday, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

November 12, 1954

Mrs. Gertrude Folks Zimand
General Secretary
National Child Labor Committee
419 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Zimand:

Do send me the issue of The American Child with Ken Clark's talk. It got left out of your kind letter of November 10.

Answers for Action costs us 15.4¢ apiece, and I just haven't given any away. We agree with you that it is a honey. We have sold 20,000 of them.

I send you a free copy of the revised printing, with a much improved map. See i you can get somebody to let you buy a good batch.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
AFA sent under separate cover.

November 12, 1954

Miss Julia Mabee
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Julia Mabee:

I fill in what I can on Jessie Reaso
and Mrs. Wilcox.

Jessie Reasor: She is fresh out of Berea and if you will address her care of the School of Education, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, they can tell you where she is.

Mrs. J. H. Wilcox, 1816 Lake Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee

The old gentleman lately at Athens, Alabama, has gone back now to Gainesville, Florida — hence out of reach — hence out of mind — hence skipped.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 12, 1954

Mrs. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Odum:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council met November 10th and adopted the enclosed resolution on the sad loss of Dr. Odum.

As a student of things Southern, it seems to me quite clear that Dr. Odum's mind had a larger outreach and deeper effect than that of any other single citizen the nation has ever had. And never a thought but what it was for what was honorable and constructive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Encl.

November 12, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

We missed you at the Board meeting on Wednesday. Things went well. Good group discussion, mostly hanging on whether we should provide a good deal of central leadership and some control for the state organizations, or whether we should throw them into the hopper and see what happens. Naturally it will come out some of both.

We elected to the Board for the seven vacancies: Phil Weltner, who used to run Oglethorpe University; Philip Hammer, a young consultant on socio-economic problems hereabouts; your friend Ed Norton in Birmingham; Hodding Carter; the Methodist Bishop in Louisville, Kentucky, Bishop Watkins; an official of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville, Mr. I. H. Birnie; and a former Chamber of Commerce man in Dallas, Jerome Crossman. Also, we elected Harry Ashmore to your place as Vice-President, but haven't heard whether he will come on or not.

We genuinely feel your loss, but we know that we may continue to turn to you for advice.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

November 12, 1954

The Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I need to spend the nights of November 16th and 19th in Washington. For the 16th, I will arrive at a reasonable hour in the late afternoon. But for the 19th I get in at the airport about midnight.

Additional complication: I will have a guest along who will also need a room. He is named Fred Routh.

So, could the Club save two inexpensive rooms for the night of the 16th and the night of the 19th for George Mitchell and his guest, Fred Routh?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 15, 1954

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

For the records do please write us that it is all right for you to be on the Executive Committee. We want you and need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 15, 1954

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

You were there when they elected you to the Executive Committee -- just where you belong! So please write us that it is all right.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

November 15, 1954

Dictated November 12

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
104 "C" Street, N. E.
Washington 2, D. C.

Dear Irene Osborne:

Many thanks for your nice letter of November 8th. I called your office just now and told your assistant that I would be in Washington Tuesday evening, November 16, and could be almost anywhere you say in the city. I will have with me Fred Routh who is our head man for getting around in the states. We will be staying at the Cosmos Club, 2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., telephone DUpont 7-7783 -- driving up from Richmond in the close of that afternoon. I could, by mighty effort, be in Washington Saturday morning, November 20, but I don't much want to.

Your assistant said you were fly-planing to Boston Wednesday morning. So will Fred and I. I suggested that you take the plane that leaves Washington around 6:00 a.m. and gets into Boston at 10:36 a.m., and we could talk three streaks on the way to Boston.

Your and my Knoxville friends are working hard to get a Tennessee Council on Human Relations going. They picked Beckman the other day as temporary chairman of it. And those good ladies at Norfolk are the salt of the earth. They have an independent women's interracial committee there that does things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. In re your call late Friday, I will show up at the National Civil Liberties Clearing House at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 16th.

November 15, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Judge Richard Foster
and
Mrs. E.H. Spearman

FROM: Frederick B. Routh

Dr. C.H. Parrish has arranged to arrive in Greenville on Sunday, November 21st, at 1:04 P.M. so that a meeting of the Executive Board of the South Carolina Division can be arranged for Sunday rather than Monday. We are glad that this date is possible for the convenience of all concerned. An early afternoon meeting would make it possible to have ample time. Dr. Parrish's schedule requires departure from Greenville at 6:00 P.M.

rnf

copies/F.B.Routh
C.H.Parrish
A.J.Clement

November 15, 1954

Mr. Harry Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

The Board of the Council met twenty-odd strong November 10. They had a busy and discussive day. Toward the end of it came elections.

They had seven vacancies on the Board and elected to them: Bishop Watkins at Louisville (Methodist); Ed Norton of Birmingham; Phil Hammer; Phil Weltner; I. H. Burney -- an official of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville; Jerome Crossman of Dallas, who used to run its Chamber of Commerce; and Hodding Carter who had been on the Board for eight years, but got left out in the last reorganization.

Alfred Mynders has been a vice-president of the Council for a good many years, and a mighty useful and interested one. He wrote us this year awhile before the meeting that he ought to resign from the Board because the management of his paper was pressing him to cut back his outside commitments of time. So far as I know, that is the truthful reason for his going off.

The Nominating Committee and the Board were unanimous in asking you to be a vice-president in Mynders' place. I daresay you are under pressure about outside commitments too! But it seems logical all around for you to take Mynders' shoes on this one, and we earnestly want you to do so. The officers, generally speaking, have not been models of performance in getting to the meeting of the Executive Committee and we do not press you unduly on that added privilege of officership.

Morris Abram tried to reach you by phone to urge this new honor on you. I write for word to reach you at least simultaneously with Morris' call.

Don't just say no you can't. You are the right guy for it and we would be greatly aided if you could be a vice-president.

Your fellow officers would be as follows, except that Mynders is gone: Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, President; Carter Wesley, Houston, Vice-President; Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond, Vice-President; and Albert W. Dent, New Orleans, Vice-President.

The Executive Committee is made up of Harry Richardson who runs Gammon Theological Seminary. A Negro woman lawyer from South Carolina practicing in Atlanta, Mrs. Birnie. John Griffin, whom you know. Morris Abram, whom you know. Josephine Wilkins, whom you ought to know if you don't (Atlanta). McDowell Richards, who runs the Presbyterian Seminary at Decatur, Georgia. Rufus Clement who is the chairman of the Executive Committee. Very Reverend Maurice Shean, C. O., of Rock Hill, South Carolina, who has a prototype of a Seminary for his Order there. Paul Christopher, whom I hope you know -- certainly you heard him at Asheville. -- in my judgment he is the ablest labor guy in the South. Runs the CIO in the upper Southern states.

I had good word from Mrs. Bates who was here for the meeting. You were most helpful in getting the new chairman and Mrs. Bates feels that in Arkansas the group can begin now to flow along.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 15, 1954

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

A point came up in the staff meetings, held in conjunction with the Board meeting, that requires legal consideration.

The various state organizations do not, as yet, have written evidence of tax-exemption from the Internal Revenue Department. Since getting such statements is a slow process, there will be an interim period of a year or more before all of them will have evidence that would satisfy a foundation. During this period, would it be possible for the Southern Regional Council, as a tax-exempt agency, to receive sizeable gifts -- say, $300 to $5,000 -- earmarked for the development of program in a particular state?

We see an analogy in the grant of the Fund for the Republic to the Southern Regional Council for the specified purpose of developing program in state organizations. Since this grant is tax-exempt, would not the same principle apply to other grants made through the Council for designated state organizations?

We will appreciate your advice on the legal question involved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence
GSM/eab

November 15, 1954

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

You were present when the Board helped itself by electing you to the Executive Committee of the Council.

The Executive Committee is composed of nine elected members and the officers of the Council. The old members number six, as follows: Dr. Rufus E. Clement at Atlanta University, chairman of the Executive Committee; Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, a South Carolinian practicing law in Atlanta and married to a biology professor at Morehouse College; Paul Christopher, regional director for the CIO in the upper Southern states of Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina. In my judgment the wisest labor leader in the South; the Very Reverend Maurice Shean, C.O., who is the head of a training house for Seminaries of the Order, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Mr. Harry Richardson at Gammon; John Griffin at Emory.

Newly elected members were yourself and Josephine Wilkins of Atlanta, whom doubtless you know, and Morris Abram of Atlanta.

The officers are: Marion Wright, President. A retired lawyer living at Linville Falls, North Carolina. A South Carolinian from Conway. Mr. Carter Wesley, who owns and manages a string of Negro newspapers, from Houston, Texas. Also prominent in various life insurance enterprises. Mr. Gordon Hancock who, as you know, was one of the originators of the Council. Still has a Baptist church in Richmond and is professor emeritus of Virginia Union University. Mr. A. W. Dent, president of Dillard. Mr. Harry Ashmore, Editor of the Arkansas Gasette, who has been elected, but word of whose acceptance I have not had. Mr. Leonard Haas, as lawyer to the Council is also a member of the Executive Committee.

You would greatly strengthen the Committee. And we earnestly want you.

The Committee meets about four times a year. It has always, heretofore, met in Atlanta. Its sessions, I must admit, take the best business hours of a day. But those who are on the Committee greatly give it counsel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Geor

November 15, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I did today send out the attached letter to all members of the Executive Committee of the Council notifying them of the special meeting which you have called for Tuesday, November 23, 1954.

Reply cards on which the members will indicate their attendance should be in very soon and we will be able to know about the number who will be present.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary

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encl.

attached copy of letter to members
of Exec. Com.

Same letter to all members of Executive
Committee and all officers of SRC

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November 15, 1954

Mr. Morris B. Abram
515 Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, has called a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council to be held at the Council's office, 63 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta on Tuesday, November 23, 1954 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

You are urged to be present for this meeting. Will you please indicate on the enclosed card whether you can come.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

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November 15, 1954

Mr. Philip Weltner
Oglethorpe University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

The Board of the Southern Regional Council met November 10th here in Atlanta, and did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board. I give you the list of the others presently on -- attached. I do hope that you will find that you can come on to the Board. We will all be much encouraged if you can.

The others elected November 10th were: Philip Hammer; I. H. Burney of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company of Florida; Ed Norton of Birmingham; Hodding Carter; Bishop Watkins of the Methodist Church; and Jerome Crossman, past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - list of Bd members with covering note
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting November 10th elected you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board. The others asked to come on were: Hodding Carter from Mississippi; I. H. Burney of Jacksonville; Ed Norton of Birmingham; Phil Weltner of Atlanta; Phil Hammer of Atlanta; and Jerome Crossman of Dallas.

I enclose a list of the present membership of the Board.

Our Council has through the years had the warmest link with the Methodist Church, and we would be deeply grateful for your coming on to the Board for our guidance and counsel. We have a heavy responsibility in these months and years ahead to show the South a statesmanlike solution for present problems. The Board is the governing body of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Board of Directors of the Council met November 10th here in Atlanta and did themselves the honor of electing you again to membership on the Board. There weren't but seven vacancies.

The others asked were Phil Weltner, who used to run Oglethorpe University here. Phil Hammer, who is a consultant on city planning. Mr. Burney, who is a member of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville. Mr. Ed Norton of Birmingham -- who is a bit in the news line.--Bishop Watkins of the Methodist church in Louisville. And Mr. Jerome Crossman a former president of the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.

We have been sorry not to have had you on the Board in the last year and a half, and greatly hope that you will come back on. I enclose a list of the Board as constituted just before the meeting November 10. It alters only from the election of that date.

But I report Alfred Mynders' resignation as vice-president. So far as I know, it is only because he has been pressed by his paper to reduce his outside commitments of time. But Mynders has been in intimate touch with our work and would, I am sure, be glad to advise with you on your coming back on to the Board.

I am impressed with the importance of the wise selection of personnel of the expanding Mississippi organization. Glad Rabbi Mantinband had opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

Mr. Edward Norton
Protective Life Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Ed:

Enjoyed my visit the other day and appreciate your finding time for me to stop.

The Board met duly and usually November 10th and elected to the seven vacancies along with yourself: Philip Weltner, who used to run Oglethorpe University over here; Philip Hammer, whom you know; a Mr. I. H. Burney, who is an executive of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company of Florida; Hodding Carter, of Mississippi; Bishop Watkins of Louisville; and Mr. Jerome Crossman an oil man, former president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

This is a period in the South's history when wise forward action is called for, and we greatly hope that you will be willing to put your thinking in with that of the other members of the Board on how to get things done in a constructive way.

The Board meets once a year but it is the whole Council and has an important responsibility in Southern life.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

November 16, 1954

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

The Board of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting here in Atlanta November 10th did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board. I do hope you will accept.

The present members of the Board are listed in the enclosure.

The others elected November 10th included Philip Weltner, who used to be the head of Oglethorpe University here in Atlanta. Philip Hammer, consultant in city planning. Mr. Ed Norton of Birmingham. Hodding Carter of Mississippi. Bishop Watkins of Louisville, and Mr. Jerome Crossman of Dallas.

We hope to get going soon in Florida a Florida Council on Human Relations, and a series of meetings are planned to complete the organization of such a body based on the former Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Davisson Dunlap is the present chairman of the Florida Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

Mr. Philip Hammer
Glenn Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, at the meeting November 10th here in Atlanta, did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board.

The others they elected were Phil Weltner and Mr. I. H. Burney, who is an officer in the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville. Your friend Ed Norton at Birmingham. Hodding Carter, Bishop Watkins (Methodist), and a Mr. Jerome Crossman, who seems to be an oil man and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.

Do write me that you are willing to come on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

MEMORANDUM ON VIRGINIA MEETING
November 16, 1954
Richmond, Virginia

Present: Dr. Minor C. Miller, Ex. Sec. Virginia Council of Churches
C. Emerson Smith, Dir. Christian Social Relations Virginia Council of Churches
George S. Mitchell, Ex. Dir. SRC
Frederick B. Routh, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations, SRC

We discussed at length the possibilities of working out a cooperative venture with the Virginia Council of Churches in structuring a special commission or committee on race relations which Emerson Smith would head up. We envisioned such a committee to be sponsored jointly by SRC and the Virginia Council. This was not satisfactory to Dr. Miller because he felt that the present scope of Emerson Smith's work was important and included more than race relations. Therefore, in discussion it was determined that a special organization, similar to other state divisions of SRC, be set up in the old dominion. It was hoped that the Executive Secretary would be a Negro well qualified to work in this field and that he would work closely with Emerson Smith who would serve as sort of chief consultant to our state organization. No full decision was reached on whether or not a specific allotment of Emerson Smith's time would be available to the Virginia interracial committee on a regular basis. A spirit of cooperation and interest was evidenced by Dr. Miller in the work of SRC and he realized that it would be difficult for the Catholic Church or Catholic lay people and in some cases Jewish people to relate closely with the Virginia Council because of its Protestant parentage and sponsorship and saw no area of conflict between his group and the proposed SRC group in Virginia. (See GSM's notes on this meeting for further elaboration.)

F.B. Routh
11/30/54
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cc: FBR
GTH
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November 16, 1954

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
First National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting here in Atlanta November 10th did themselves the honor of electing you to come on to the Board to fill one of its seven vacancies. We confess to little or no consultation with you ahead of time, but we asked our people in Texas and they spoke so warmly of you that we thought we were justified in asking you to come on to the Board.

I enclose a list of the present membership of it.

The others who were elected November 10th were: Phil Weltner who used to run Oglethorpe University here; Phill Hammer, who is a consultant on city planning; I. H. Burney, who is a member of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville; Ed Norton of Birmingham; and Bishop W. T. Watkins of the Methodist Church in Louisville.

The Texas Commission on Race Relations only ten days or so ago employed as its executive Thomas Sutherland of Austin, who until lately ran the show that was concerned with better relations with persons of Mexican descent. He was here for our recent meetings and we all liked him greatly and thought Texas off to a good start with him.

As a member of the Board of the Council, however, your responsibility would be for advice as to constructive solutions of the problems of the South as a whole. Our other Texas Board members as you will see are: Mrs James S. Crate, Mr. S. Thomas Friedman, Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Mr. J. Edwin Smith, and Mrs. Tommie Stroud. Mr. Carter Wesley is a vice-president of the Council as well as a Board member.

The Board meets once a year and expenses of the members are paid to the meeting. It is the entirety of the Council and is naturally, therefore, the governing body of the agency. Between Board meetings an Executive Committee of nine members of the Board plus the officers -- meeting quarterly -- makes us on the staff behave.

The Council, as you know, has had a conditional grant from the Fund for the Republic to enable it to get state race relations agencies underway. While membership on the Board involves an interest in the Council's being able to raise some money within the South, we are not at this time being fundless and importunate.

Do inquire about and see what you hear of the Council's history and program and performance. And if you can accept we will feel honored and strengthened by your being a member of the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls: List of Board Members
Release re FFR grant to SRC

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

November 16, 1954

Mr. Homer G. Dyer
J. H. Berry Realty Company
2910 Twenty-Seventh Street
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dyer:

I have somewhat changed my plans and shan't go to Nashville. Therefore, I will drive over to Birmingham during the afternoon of Friday, November 26th and meet you at the Thomas Jefferson at 6:00 in the evening for dinner. I will sleep at the Thomas Jefferson that night in the room you so kindly reserved, and Saturday morning will drive back to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
cc: KS - with/ticket to be cancelled.
airplane

November 16, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the Southwide Inter-Organizational Conference to be held at Fisk University on November 26th and 27th. The delay in response is due to the fact that I am now on leave from the Director's position of the Atlanta Urban League and am full time as an Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council, so the invitation was delayed in reaching me.

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to attend in his place -- and I will be glad to be presen
It is gratifying that one of the proposals from the Williamsburg meeting is emerging as this conference.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Associate Director

GTH/rnf

November 16, 1954

Mr. William L. Bowden
Director
Richmond Center
University of Virginia Extension Division
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bowden:

I am not at all sure that father's book doesn't somewhere else discuss the Cooperative Education Association. There are several copies of it at the Library of the University of Richmond, and one in the Virginia State Library, probably in the custody of the Managing Editor of its magazine, Cavalcade. Also, Dr. Sanger at the Medical College has a copy.

I am ashamed to say that just because I grinded it through the mimeograph machine I have not read its every page. But I hope time will come for me to do so. The letters that Professor Hamilton has at the University of North Carolina are in an impossible jumble of two trunks. I do not envy you the task of finding what you are after in them. In my guess they are mostly letters to him.

I greatly look forward to the Richmond occasion next Spring. We must lay aside time for swapping recollections.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

Mr. R. Lanier Hunt
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Lanier:

You are on just the right track in the memo which you sent me November 11.

Suitable publications from the Council are as follows: Answers for Action: Schools in the South, revised edition October, 1954 = 20¢; New South, August, 1954, "The Churches Speak" = 10¢; New South, September, 1954, "Segregation in the Schools" = 10¢; New South, October, 1954, "The Supreme Court Decision and the Appalachian South" = 10¢. Here are copies of each of these three publications.

We are ready to help you at any point at all.

Unfortunately, I won't be in Atlanta for the December 10th meeting -- long standing engagement in Texas -- but others from here will be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

The Reverend James J. Williams
Melrose Park Community Church
549 Campus Circle E
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Here's our publications list. I send you, also, the last several issues of New South and a copy of Answers for Action. This literature ought to be really helpful to you.

A number of people have asked me about the Southern Conference Education Fund. It began as a would-be tax-exempt sister organization to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. My recollection for the beginning date for the SCEF would be 1946. The SCHW disbanded a year or two later, which left the SCEF alone standing.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities described the SCHW as a deviously camouflaged red-front, etc., organization. I must say I was a member of the SCHW from 1945 to about 1947 and I didn't regard it as under Communist influence, though I got out of it when it seemed to me to reveal unwisdom in the face of a plan to use Paul Robeson for a money-raising tour of the South.

I have never thought of Jim Dombrowski as a Communist. He is, so far as I believe, a sincere Christian. I think he and the group around him are often short on wisdom and good techniques in the matters they pursue. But I have also held straight along that in a situation containing the amount of injustice that the South does contain, it is inevitable and right that there should be a voice of protest pitched as high as they pitch theirs. I suppose Jim's group doesn't approve the Council's lower note of protest, either.

There are, doubtless, drawbacks to the presence of two organizations that work in this field. But the shadings of opinion are more than two, and I have no interest in trying to prevent anyone else speaking out if they feel moved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Last three issues of New South
Answers for Action
Publications List

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

AIR MAIL
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/
Signed in his absence

Mr. Quintin Whyte
South African Institute of Race Relations
Transvalia Building
21 Stiemens Street
Braamfontein
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Quintin:

The booklet we did on Race in the News is out of print, but I exhume a couple of file copies and send them to you.

Until four or five years ago it had been quite generally the practice for newspapers in the Southern states to carry what might be called "Negro news" only within the strait jacket of stereotypes little altered from slavery days. It was rare for the reporting of Negro events to be done with dignity. Actually, not much Negro news was carried. Usually a picture of a Negro in the paper meant that the fellow was in trouble or was accused of a heinous or bestial crime. Occasionally, an item did creep in heavily reminiscent of the caricature of the Negro as a whimsical buffoon.

Partly as an incident to World War II and the military service of Negroes, a few of the Southern papers began to do better. A very few on special occasions even printed pictures of all the soldiers from a given town without distinction of race. Two papers in particular, one in Richmond and one in Chattanooga, began steadily to carry Negro news with impartiality and dignity.

We in the Council took a guess that this was a trend which, if described and encouraged, could be made to grow. So we thought we would try to cast up a sort of manual for usage within newspaper offices. In late 1948, we wrote out to a number of our friends and asked them to save all clippings from their local papers relating to Negroes. After six months or so we had quite a box full of these clippings. We persuaded into our service, as a volunteer, a young white journalism instructor then at Emory University in Atlanta. He took the box home and dumped it out on his bedroom floor and he and his wife sorted out the clips into five little heaps. There turned out to be five ways to be mean in a Southern white newspaper. And the pamphlet was written largely around what was in the little heaps. So it came out in newspaper language, done with wit and restraint, heavy with examples, and making liberal use of bold black print rules.

By contrivance and good fortune we had the cooperation of the secretary of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, who sent the booklet to every publisher of a white daily in the South. We then contrived for our friends in each state to mail the pamphlet to the editors of all weekly papers within their states -- a couple of thousand of them.

But we and you are old hands at putting out pamphlets and we know that they don't get much done by themselves. So we used the last measure of pressure and asked for local committees of Church women to go on a visit to their editors, little green book in hand. I think it was those visits that turned the trick for paper after paper.

At any rate, within a few months we began to notice sharp improvements in the habits of the press on this matter. By now, after five years, I would say that eighty per cent of the Southern press has greatly improved its handling of news arising from Negro sources. Headlines are more carefully built. The crime is the news in the headlines, and only infrequently the race of the performer or the one accused. Courtesy titles become usual, even in papers which had been thought of as stalwarts of conservatism. Many papers now make it the practice to seek out dignified feature stories about members of the Negro community. I think of a paper in Lynchburg, Virginia, which a few months after the pamphlet came out began to run a series week by week on the leading Negro churches in the city. Never before had the Reverend Mr. so and so and his flock been pictured and praised in the Lynchburg Daily News.

Naturally our Council got no hint of credit for this effort. Never a paper came out with a headline -- say on June 1 -- saying "We will reform our practices on the headlining of race in the news." But many a paper did reform.

We have yearned for some arrangement which would systematically follow up this 1949 effort and bring the laggards to conformity. Perhaps in the next year or two we can contrive that through our newly reorganized state movements.

I could send you a bundle of clippings showing good or bad performance by newspapers, but it seems to me that the circumstances are so difficult that they will not really help you.

I mourn with you the mounting difficulties under which South Africa labors. Our warmest cousinly feelings!

Alice and I speak frequently of the two of you, and hope that in some happy day we can all be together again here or there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Race in the News sent under separate cover this date.

November 17, 1954

Reverend A. S. Turnipseed
301 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council had its 1954 annual meeting November 10th here in Atlanta with twenty-five or so persons. Good meeting and warm discussion of the many opportunities before the Council as the state organizations get underway.

When they came to electing a new Executive Committee they put on three new persons -- Josephine Wilkins of Atlanta, Morris Abram of Atlanta, and McDowell Richards at Columbia Seminary. Two of the vacancies were available because of a change in the By-Laws, which enlarged the Committee. And the third they offered by putting somebody in your place.

We on the staff have always thought of you as a supporter, and we are grateful for your year and more of being on the Committee. You are still, by the way, very much on the Board, and we hope that as the Alabama Division gets moving it can draw on your advice and help. Young Robert Hughes is right there in Montgomery. Do counsel with him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 17, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: G.S. MITCHELL
C.H. PARRISH
F.B. ROUTH

FROM: G.T. HAMILTON

Mr. Woods Beckman called from Knoxville on Tuesday, November 16th, to inquire about arrangements for the notices of the next meeting of the Tennessee Division (November 20th). He stated that he had written Fred Routh and that it was his understanding that he (Fred Routh) would attend to the notices for the next meeting. It was not possible to reach Mr. Beckman until Wednesday morning, November 17th, at which time GTH talked with him. He stated that it was his understanding that the notices for the meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 20th, in Nashville in the conference room of the Mays Hosiery Mill were to be sent by this office. It was agreed that due to the late date, GTH would get the names of the people from the Chattanooga and Memphis areas to be invited to the meeting from Reverend J.E. McDaniel in Memphis, whose secretary served as recorder in the earlier meeting (Nov. 6th). Mr. Beckman was in touch with Miss Louis in Nashville, the elected secretary of the Tennessee Division, and he agreed that she (~~Miss~~ Dr. L~~ou~~awis) would notify the people in the Nashville area and that he (Mr. Beckman) would notify the people in the Knoxville area. GTH agreed that the people indicated by Reverend McDaniel would be notified of the time and place of the next meeting by the SRC office. GTH apologized for any misunderstanding which might have occurred which accounted for the notices not having been sent to date. Mr. Beckman asked that the notices specify that necessary travel costs for the meeting would be paid by the Tennessee Division.

RE: Conversation with J. McDaniel, Wednesday, Nov. 17th.

GTH reached Mr. McDaniel in accordance with the request of Mr. Beckman and requested the names of the people from Memphis and Knoxville. Reported Mr. Beckman's understanding of procedure for sending notices of meeting. Mr. McDaniel agreed that this was the understanding and stated that he had written Fred Routh for the total list of people to be regarded as members of the board of the Tennessee Division. Had had no reply. He agreed to send by wire the names of the representatives from the Memphis area and the Chattanooga area in order that notices could be sent to these individuals. He agreed also to call the paople in the Memphis area as suggested by Mr. Beckman.

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Mr. Haskell Miller
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Mr. Stanton Smith
Pres., Tenn. Federation of Labor
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga

Mr. Earl Crowder
136½ S. Second St.
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. James T. Walker
950 N. Second St.
Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Edward E. Brewster
997 Elizabeth Lane
Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. C.B. Beartfield
4835 Avondale St.
Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Albert C. Rickey
822 Charles Place
Memphis, Tenn.

November 17, 1954

DRAFT OF NOTICE TO BE SENT TO NAMES LISTED ON TELEGRAM FROM J.E. MCDANIEL

Dear _______:

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council will meet in Nashville, Saturday, November 20th, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room of the May Hosiery Mill, 425 Chestnut Street. We very much need your help and counsel in this, our first fully organized meeting of the Executive Board.

We hope that you will find it possible to attend. The travel expenses involved will be paid by the organization.

Yours cordially,

F. Woods Beckman
Chairman

GTH/rn
Copy ofddraft and list of names sent to
Dr. ~~Miss~~ Elsie M. Lewis
F. Woods Beckman

November 17, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Being somewhat behind in my reading, I have just read two articles which appeared during October in Saturday Review of Literature. The first appeared in the October 9th issue and was written by Mr. Clifford Dowdey -- "A Southerner Looks at the Supreme Court." On October 16th the answer appeared written by Fred Rodell, Professor of Law at Yale University -- "School Kids are Color Blind -- A Northerner Looks at the Supreme Court's Decision." Both are very illuminating and I hope that they have come to your attention. I wonder if you would be interested in writing a letter to the editor commenting on another Southerner's point of view in contrast to that of Mr. Dowdey. You could surely do an able job. The publication of a letter to the editor might be one small means of influencing the body of public opinion -- at least that which is affected by the Saturday Review. In the chance that you don't have these copies, I am sending my personal copies to you under separate cover. I will be grateful if you would bring them back when you come down for the meeting next Tuesday.

There was no chance before Dr. Mitchell's departure to discuss with him the memorandum which I mentioned in my conversation with you last Wednesday. I do not, therefore, feel free to send a copy to you until there is such an opportunity. Maybe some day life will get less crowded. Looking forward to seeing you next week.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

Nov. 18, 1954

Memo to: GSM

From: AH

I would suggest that Robert W. Brown's article "Newspapers of Deep South Liberalize Negro Policies," Editor & Publisher, Dec. 13, 1952, XXXX be called to Mr. Quentin Whyte's attention. Brown's article reports a survey of 34 "deep South" newspapers regarding use of courtesy titles, news handling, etc.

November 18, 1954

Memo to: KS

From: AH

I have worked the following overtime, for which I shall take equivalent time off:

6 days during months of April and May

½ day Nov. 6

½ day Nov. 7

I also worked one full day without pay August 31, for which I shall take equivalent time off.

November 18, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building - Rm. 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The enclosed editorial from "The Birmingham News" has come to our attention. We are sending a copy of it on to you in case you did not note it at the time it appeared.

We are interested and believe you will be in the statement that "a plan of action" requires "that our people of both races unite, community by community, in striving to achieve as much common ground of agreement as possible." Of course, the proposal that communities be encouraged to continue segregation through "volunteer action" is not in our opinion either practical or desirable. But the effort to get local and statewide consideration of the matter by people of the two races, communicating as equals, and, even in disagreement seeking as much common ground as possible is one of our principal aims. Out of this process can come the enlargement of understanding that will enable communities and states to accept the idea of integregation and to begin to move towards it.

We all hope that you have recovered from your virus. With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Hughes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf
cc: Rev. Whitsett
Mr. J.T. Brooks
blind copy: CHP

An Editorial from the "BIRMINGHAM NEWS"
October 13, 1954

A School Plan of Good Will and Cooperation

RESPECT FOR BOTH LAW AND MUTUAL CONVICTIONS IS ESSENTIAL IN MEETING SUPREME COURT DECISION

The grave problems raised by the Supreme Court's decision outlawing compulsory school segregation are pressing hard upon the minds and consciences of the people of the South. But specific application of the decision will not be entirely clear until decrees are issued, and consequently in most areas a period of reflection and preparation fortunately now is available. Able students of the law pertinently point out that legal doctrine to be effective must be translated into actual legal practice. We are now seeking methods of legal practice in conformity with the newly pronounced legal doctrine. It is an inexpressibly complex and momentous task.

This interval of preparation does not mean that procrastination can be afforded. The situation even now is urgent though in most communities the climax is not yet at hand.

These grave problems will not be solved by bitter conflict among our people. They cannot be escaped by evasion.

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This newspaper, having expressed its deep regret that this decision has come at this time, nevertheless believes that constructive and creative efforts must be made to meet it. After long and earnest reflection, "The News" has come to the conclusion -- which perhaps should have been obvious at once -- that a constructive approach requires recognition of two fundamental principles:

1. Respect for the law and its interpretation by the Supreme Court.
2. Respect for sincere, widespread community convictions.

If either of these principles is ignored or grossly subordinated, there can be no creative dealing with the situation. Instead there would be bitterness and conflict and a peril whose limits could not be defined.

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The Supreme Court is our final interpreter of the law. Our system of government -- of justice and freedom -- is based on law and respect for law. Our way of life could not survive on any other basis.

But it is also true that law gains its support and effectiveness from the willing acceptance of the people. Law which deeply violates the conviction of the people of a nation -- or a region -- or a community -- cannot be adequately effective in that nation, region, or community. Any program of action under the Supreme Court decrees, to be constructive and successful, must take account of the deep conviction of the people involved.

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WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM?

What kind of a program would be in accord with those two basic principles and avoid the great danger of disruption and conflict which would be involved in other courses of action?

First of all, it is to be recognized, we believe, that compulsory public school segregation is invalidated in principle by the decision. This newspaper recognizes force and reality in the contention that such segregation does involve a kind of discrimination in itself. But it also believes that contentions and conditions underlying the superceded "separate but equal" decision of more than a half century ago and bearing on state rights and the public interest and peace also are still to be recognized as involving considerations of great pertinence and weight. Who can fail to recognize that sentiment among white people in communities of the South generally, and even in some communities in other regions, is strongly against compulsory integration of white and Negro students in the public school.

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What kind of a plan of action could constructively meet these realities?

It is the belief of this newspaper that a fundamental requisite of any such plan would require that our people of good will of BOTH RACES UNITE COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY IN STRIVING TO ACHIEVE AS MUCH COMMON GROUND OF AGREEMENT as possible. They should STRONGLY RESIST being drawn into almost EXCLUSIVE CONCENTRATION ON DIFFERENCES. Different conditions and sentiments will make for varying problems in different communities. No one program will be equally effective everywhere.

There IS much common ground upon which we believe a great majority of ALL our Southern people CAN stand. That is true here in Birmingham and the rest of Alabama.

This great majority in both races do not want to defy law.

They do not want to foment new and terrible bitterness and conflict here at home in a world facing the menace of overwhelming destruction through strife.

The great majority of our white people want to respect law and to avoid compulsory action in defiance of law.

The great majority of our Negro citizens, we believe, do not want to try to force integration of students where it is against a prevailing white sentiment and would involve grave possibilities of trouble.

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MUCH SOLID COMMON GROUND

These and other feelings, including longstanding realities of genuine friendship and good will between the two races, provide much solid, common ground upon which to work. Action on that basis, looking to POSITIVE, HOPEFUL results, rather than NEGATIVE OBSTRUCTION AND ANTAGONISM, could, we believe, evoke a powerful COOPERATIVE support among white and colored people.

It could develop the incomparable power of true good will.

It could conceivably lead to marked creative progress instead of mounting stress and hate and peril.

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What kind of a definite program of action, then, could be evolved from such a cooperative spirit and attitude?

In seeking specific answer to that crucial question, let the court's decision be carefully considered. One thing seems to us especially important. The decision clearly invalidates COMPULSORY SEGREGATION. But to this paper it seems evident that it does NOT COMPEL INTEGRATION, especially if there is individual desire or community conviction to the contrary. This distinction points, we believe, to an opportunity for action in conformity with both the court's ruling against compulsory segregation and community sentiment against compulsory integration. In our anxiety over DIFFERENCES and DANGERS, have we OVERLOOKED a really HOPEFUL OPPORTUNITY?

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HELPFUL VOLUNTARY ACTION

Specifically, "The Birmingham News" proposes the most careful examination and consideration of a plan under which it would be possible, we believe, both to give respect, and to conform, to the court's ruling against compulsory segregation, and to avoid by VOLUNTARY ACTION an integration of students profoundly against intense community sentiment among white people.

In seeking such a program, school districts might be evolved in each of which -- where both white and colored children resided -- there would be a school that now is white and one that now is colored. The problem of such districting should not be insurmountable.

Residential patterns in Birmingham as in many other cities are such as to be helpful in meeting school districting problems under the court's decision. It will be natural and logical for great numbers of colored school children to want to continue attending the schools they have been attending. But under the idea here suggested for study, there would be a genuine opportunity for colored children to choose and attend schools regardless of race. Anything less than such an opportunity would not, in a public school system, meet the court's decision.

This paper is unable to believe that a satisfactory solution can be found in abolishing the public school system, although a change in state law in due time giving the Legislature authority in that respect might be a wise precaution affording a means of dealing with an extreme situation of danger or conflict, should such a situation ever develop.

However, under a system which respected the court's ruling against compulsory segregation, which provided an opportunity for a free choice of schools, and which had the strong, active support of most citizens of good will of both races, we would have an excellent chance, we believe, to minimize problems and perils and to keep our schools in operation by VOLUNTARY MEANS along the lines of student body composition which now prevail.

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A BASIS FOR COOPERATION

We repeat: We believe that, with compulsory legal segregation done away with by the court, with general recognition of that reality and with continued efforts to make progress in providing genuinely equal educational opportunities for both white and colored students, Negro students and parents in Birmingham and the rest of Alabama would not seek to FORCE UNWELCOME INTEGRATION except in isolated instances. Any instances of difficulty and controversy surely could better be met through the development of a broad measure of good will and cooperation than under conditions emphasizing differences and divisions.

There would be hard problems, challenges and difficulties under such a positive, hopeful and bold program. So would there be under any approach. But this program would have the stalwart foundation of a genuine effort to respect both the law and the deep convictions of community sentiment.

It should have the strength and vitality of a sincere endeavor carried forward in good will.

At the least such an endeavor should, this paper believes, hold more promise than continued efforts to exert compulsions from any quarter.

Such an approach of cooperation and good will to the very serious problems confronting us seems, in spirit, and in reason, to deserve thorough and prayerful exploration and consideration.

November 19, 1954

Mr. D. Anthony Matricaria
73 Howard Ave.
Ansonia, Conn.

Dear Mr. Matricaria:

Dr. Mitchell asked me to answer your recent letter concerning a proposed research project assessing underlying causes of Negro-white friction resulting from abolition of public school segregation.

Neither Dr. Mitchell nor I are acquainted with any research identical to that you outlined.

If you have not already done so, I suggest that you check with one or more of the following persons who have done recent research in school desegregation and would be acquainted with research that it is progress:

Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Associate Professor of Psychology
College of the City of New York
New York, N. Y.

Dr. J. Milton Yinger
Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio

Dr. Marion Thompson Wright
Professor of Education
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

We will look forward to reading the results of your study at a later date.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 19, 1954

Mrs. W.F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mrs. Bates:

It was good to have you with us at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. We were so interested to hear about the steps which are being taken to reorganize an Arkansas division of the Southern Regional Council.

We in the Council's central office stand ready to offer all assistance possible to you, and to others who are providing the leadership in its efforts. This letter comes to ask that you let us know the dates of organization meetings so that Mr. Routh and Mr. Parrish, our Directors for State Organizations, can include Arkansas in their schedules. We will also appreciate having the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the other people who are participating in making these plans for Arkansas.

With sincere good wishes,

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rn
cc:CHP

November 19, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I have taken the liberty of inviting Dr. C.H. Parrish of the University of Louisville to attend the Southwide Inter-organizational Conference to be held at Fisk University on November 26-27.

Dr. Parrish is serving the Southern Regional Council as a part-time Director for State Organizations and I believe he will have much to contribute to the meeting. As you may remember, he did a special job for the Council last Spring while he was on sabbatical leave and during the summer months. The purpose of his travels over a large part of the region was to explore and evaluate for the Council the potentials for constructive adjustment to the Supreme Court decision.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Office of the President

November 1, 1954

Mrs. Grace Townes Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Since the Supreme Court decision of May 17, the number of persons and organizations in the Southern Region expressing a real concern for meeting constructively the challenges and opportunities offered by this historic decision have been encouraging and numerous. This concern has been expressed by many religious, educational, professional, trade union and general civic organizations within the region which have taken a straight-forward and constructive attitude toward desegregation and the Court's decision.

In a two-day Southwide Inter-organizational Conference to be held at Fisk University, on Friday and Saturday, November 26-27, organizations such as those mentioned above are being asked to present to this conference any policy statement regarding segregation or the Court's decision which they may have developed. Professional organizations in the South such as social workers, librarians, and nurses associations, state and county medical associations, and other such professional groups which have eliminated racial restrictions on membership are being asked to detail how this was brought about, what general lessons were learned as a result of the experience, and to recommend what steps should be taken in order to attain a greater degree of integration. The conference would have the benefit of a group of expert consultants on various aspects of the field of human relations. After a careful review of the present situation, consultants would recommend realistic next steps.

As stated above, since both the need for and interest in such a conference have become so evident, Fisk University has had placed at its disposal a limited budget to meet the "cost-of-living" for conference guests during the two-day period. Unfortunately the University is not in a position to assume the financial responsibility for travel. It is hoped that the agency or organization which you represent might consider such a conference as part of its official program interest and feel justified on that basis in assuming the financial responsibility of its representative. Should an agency be in a position to assume the complete financial responsibility -- travel plus cost of living for two days -- this would, of course, be greatly appreciated. Since it is hoped that the proceedings of such a conference might be printed for wide distribution, the more money we are able to save out of our "cost-of-living" budget the more we will have to spend for the publication and its distribution.

Since time is short before the conference date, could you let us know at your very earliest convenience whether you would be able to attend such a conference. If you cannot attend, would you be in a position to suggest a person in your organization who might be invited?

With the incentive of a new situation, and the coordination of constructive leadership resources, the South could so marshal its power to bring a new dynamic to the region and new spirit to the nation. I sincerely hope your busy schedule will permit your attendance at what we hope to be a significant and much needed undertaking in the Southern Region. As the region most affected by the old and burdensome patterns of racial segregation, the South now faces new challenges and opportunities for the establishment of democratice patterns of human relations. The key to a successful response to these challenges and opportunities is to be found in constructive leadership which by and large must come from organized groups in the region.

We look forward with much anticipation to an early reply indicating whether you will be able to participate in such a conference.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/

Charles S. Johnson

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FISK UNIVERSITY
Nashville
Tennessee

Office of the President

Each Agency and Organization participating in the SOUTHWIDE INTER-ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE at Fisk University, November 26-27, 1954 is requested to furnish as much of the following information as is relevant to its position on desegregation.

1. What is your agency's or organization's statement of policy with regard to segregation or integration? Here we would like the detailed statement of policy as approved and adopted by your organization.

2. When was this statement adopted (date)?

3. Under what circumstances did it come into being? (detail)

4. Was there any initial opposition to the policy? If so, what was the nature of the opposition?

5. Had there been any conscious planning, or preparation on the part of your organization or agency before the formal statement of policy? If so, what was the nature of the preparation?

6. What was the community reaction to this statement of policy? The reaction of the press?

7. In your opinion, has such a statement had any influence on other organizations or agencies in your community. What has been the nature of this influence -- positive or negative? Detail.

8. Approximately how many people within your agency or organization come under the direct influence of your statement?

9. How influential do you feel your agency or organization is in your community? Give basis upon which you make your statement.

10. What, in your opinion, are some of the "favorable" signs in your community, i.e., positive attempts toward integration? Detail.

11. What, in your opinion, are some of the "negative" influences in your community which will forestall or retard integration?

12. In what areas do you feel you or your agency or organization need assistance in bringing about a more favorable climate in which implementation of the decision might be accelerated?

13. What steps has your agency or organization taken to implement its policy?

14. What future steps are planned with regard to implementation?

November 19, 1954

Mr. Robert C. Sweet
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sweet:

Thank you for your attention to Dr. Mitchell's letter of October 26th to Herman Long. You forgot to enclose the lists of Institute members. We will be looking forward to receiving them as soon as it is convenient.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

November 19, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM
FROM: GTH

RE: Suggestions for Governmental Affairs Institute

The following are the names and addresses of Urban League Executives in southern states. In all cases listed the Urban League would be good centers to refer foreign visitors for information and help in understanding the particular community.

Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, Ex.
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. J.A. McDaniel, Ex.
Memphis Urban League
546 Beale Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mr. Samuel D. Harvey, Ex.
Winston-Salem Urban League
210 West Fourth Street
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Richmond, Va.

Mr. Wiley Hall, Ex.
Richmond Urban League
900 St. James Street
Richmond, Virginia

New Orleans, La.

Mr. J. Westbrook McPherson, Ex.
New Orleans Urban League
712 N. Claiborne Street
New Orleasn, Louisiana

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. Cenoria Johnson, Ex.
Oklahoma City Urban League
211 Walnut Street
Oklahoma City 4, Okla.

Miami, Fla.

Mr. H. Daniel Lang, Ex
Miami Urban League
341 N.W. Thirteenth Street
Miami, Florida

Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Levin W. Armwood, Ex.
Jacksonville Urban League
610 West Duval Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Fort Worth, Tex.	Miss Velma T. McEwen, Ex. Fort Worth Urban League 411½ East Ninth Street Fort Worth, Texas	
Little Rock, Ark.	Mr. Perry Taylor, Ex. Little Rock Urban League 914 Gaines Street Little Rock, Ark.	
Louisville, Ky.	Mr. Charles T. Steele, Ex. Louisville Urban League 608 Walnut Street Louisville 2, Kentucky	

It might be helpful to suggest the names of Urban Leagues in some of the other centers where foreign visitors' experience might be enriched with them.

Baltimore, Md.	Mr. Furman L. Templeton, Ex. Baltimore Urban League 2404 Pennsylvania Avenue Baltimore 17, Md.	
St. Louis, Mo.	Mr. Thos. A. Talley, Ex. Mr. Chester Stovall, Dir. Industrial Relations 3017 Delmar Blvd. St. Louis, Mo.	
Cincinnati, O.	Mr. Joseph Hall, Ex. Cincinnati Urban League 312 West Ninth Street Cincinnati 2, Ohio	
Denver, Col.	Mr. Sebastian C. Owens, Ex. Denver Urban League 314 Fourteenth Street Denver 2, Col.	
Portland, Ore.	Mr. Edwin C. Berry, Ex. Portland Urban League 202 McKay Building Portland 4, Ore.	
Seattle, Wash.	Mr. Louis G. Watts, Ex. Seattle Urban League 421 East Pine Street Seattle 22, Wash.	(Former Atlantan chosen Young Man of the Year in Seattle, 1954)
San Francisco, Calif.	Mr. Seaton W. Manning, Ex. San Francisco Urban League 2015 Steiner Street San Francisco 3, Calif.	
Los Angeles, Calif.	Mr. Wesley R. Brazier, Ex. Los Angeles Urban League 3839 S. Western Avenue Los Angeles, Calif.	

MEMORANDUM ON SOUTH CAROLINA MEETING
November 21, 1954
Greenville, South Carolina

Present: Richard Foster, State President SRC
Mrs. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
Mr. Sampson (Negro attorney, Greenville)
Two ladies (white, names unknown, Greenville YWCA)
Dr. C.H. Parrish, Field Consultant SRC
F.B. Routh, Asst. Director for State Organizations SRC

There was much discussion at this meeting about the role of people who were considered controversial in the press, hence in the minds of people across the state. It was decided that individuals who had become highly controversial would better serve the purposes of the Council and its work if they were not on the Board of Directors. It was also decided that other prominent officers from the organizations which they represented would be asked to serve on the Board, in their place. The individuals involved had been consulted regarding this procedure prior to the November 21st meeting and had agreed to it.

There is an apparent tendency on the part of the South Carolina people to take what amounts to bi-lateral policy decisions at this time. The two moving forces in these decisions are Mr. Foster and Mrs. Spearman. It is apparent from this meeting that both of these people know a great deal about the problems in South Carolina, how it can be approached, what some of the resources are and what possible solutions exist; but it should be noted that fundamental decisions should be made only by a fully representative board covering a larger geographical distribution of the state, as well as the prime consideration of bi-lateral representation. This is in no way a criticism of the state organization for the meeting was called at the request of the Central Office on short notice and only those who were readily available attended the meeting.

A much more representative board or interim executive committee was planned during the afternoon. It was suggested that two whites and two Negroes from the Greenville area, the Columbia area and the Charleston area be the nucleus of such a group.

I spent considerable time in the evening at the home of Mr. Foster with Mrs. Spearman present. We chewed over the relationship of a board and paid staff completely defining the role and function of each. This in part helped clarify some of the misunderstanding that exists not only in South Carolina but in some of our other state organizations.

Mr. Parrish's contributions to the afternoon meeting were extremely valuable and helped allay the misunderstandings regarding the use of people who belong to other organizations in our state group. It would seem apparent that it is important for a bi-racial team to represent the Central Office in dealing with state organizations and it is in the easy working relationship that exists between two people in such cases that state folks can see a living example of what we talk about when we say we believe in equality of opportunity and function of people.

Some apprehensions on the part of the state people was felt by both Mrs. Spearman and myself regarding the fact that they might be regarded as a sort of junior NAACP and we explained that we worked in cooperation with other organizations but that our program was unique and distinct from other organizations. In this specific case neither the SRC nor its state affiliates would undertake litigation as does the NAACP. We also explained to the people present it was part of their function to educate themselves, the larger body and the public in general as to the functions of the state organization.

F.B. Routh
11/30/54
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cc: FBR
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November 22, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Johnson:

We congratulate the Department of Race Relations for calling the forthcoming Southwide Inter-organizational Conference, which we are looking forward eagerly to attending.

The three of us have talked informally in order to clear up our own thinking about the potentialities of the conference and our own possible contributions to it. We believe that first priority should be given to a formulation of the present situation in the region, the major needs that can and should be met through organizational activity, and the competencies of the several agencies in terms of these needs. If such a formulation could be achieved, then each organization would be in a better position to assess its role in the light of overall needs and resources.

While we recognize that these concerns of ours are doubtless those which inspired the conference, we feel that getting the consensus of the conference on these points reduced to writing should be the key objective. Such a document would be of inestimable value to each organization in orienting its own program to the total needs of the South as it moves toward an integrated society.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Levin
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith

R.A. Thompson
Atlanta Urban League

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Southern Regional Council

November 22, 1954

Miss Harriet Doar
2423 Vail Avenue
Apartment A-12
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Miss Doar:

Although I am a poor substitute for George Mitchell, I shall be glad to speak to your group the evening of Wednesday, December 15th in Charlotte and I would appreciate your transferring the hotel reservation from Dr. Mitchell to me. I have spoken to the Unitarian Church in Miami on several occasions and the Unitarian minister there, Joe Barth, is one of my good friends and was kind enough to support me in my bid for U.S. Congress this past Spring.

Dr. Mitchell tells me you want some information on my background. Roughly, it is this: I was reared in Coral Gables, Florida, and attended elementary school and high school there. I did my undergraduate work and also received a Master's degree from the University of Miami. I did my doctoral work at the Center for Human Relations Studies at New York University. For the past three years I was with the Department of Human Relations at the University of Miami. One summer (1951) I taught at the University of Heidelberg, the University of London and at the Sorbonne with a traveling workshop.

In the Miami area I have been active in the community in such things as the Dade County Council on Community Relations, the Greater Miami Foundation for Civic Education, the Coral Gables YMCA, the Cooke Cancer Research Foundation and was president of the Greater Miami United Nations Association. I am a member of AAUP, Florida Academy of Sciences, the Southern Historical Association, Omichron Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, Pi Kappa Delta.

During World War II I was with the U.S. Naval Reserve in the Pacific Ocean area as Lt. (jg), U.S. Naval Air Intelligence.

Beyond the above information, I am thirty-one and single. I don't think you need a picture of my mug to stick in the local press. It might frighten away some of the crowd which would otherwise come.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director - State Organization

FBR/rnf

November 22, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

We have just had brought to our attention an article from the September 9th issue of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution which discusses the opposition in Mississippi to the abolition of the public schools. It also discusses the formation of the little vigilante groups known as Citizens' Committees. It cites as one of the leaders in exposing the true nature of these groups a young World War II veteran, Hal DeCell, who is the editor of the Deer Creek Pilot, a paper published in Rolling Fork. There are several quotes from his paper, all of which are excellent. Suggest you contact this chap and enlist his support for the state program of SRC. Have just learned further that he is the son of a Methodist Bishop and that his whole family is quite liberal.

Please give my love and best regards to that very wonderful gal who is your wife. Best regards to you, too.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/rnf

November 22, 1954

Mr. John Field
Toledo Board of Community Relations
565 North Erie Street
Toledo, Ohio

Dear John:

It was surely good to see you at the NAIRO Conference in Boston, and I believe I got a great deal out of the meeting. I think it is important that we who work in the South renew acquaintance with what is being done in Northern states so that we may seek to adapt it to our region and speed up the process of fuller democracy in this area.

I forgot to give you my dues when I was in Boston, and I am enclosing a check for $10.00 for same.

I was highly pleased and a little overwhelmed to be elected chairman of the Southern region of NAIRO, and shall certainly seek to build membership in this area among professional people in the field of intergroup relations. I am writing all our staff people urging them to join NAIRO, and I shall tell them to you for this purpose.

My best wishes for the continued success of the good work you are doing in the Toledo area.

Sincerely,

Fredrick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/eab

November 23, 1954

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

By present plans I am arriving by Pioneer Air Lines at Mineral Wells at 2:45 p.m., Sunday, December 5th. If that is not all right let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Cannot bring Alice.

November 23, 1954

Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

Thanks for your letter of November 17th.

By present plans I will leave Atlanta by Delta Air Lines at 8:40 a.m. Friday December 3, and arrive at Shreveport at 11:45 that morning.

I should leave Shreveport at noon either on the following Saturday or Sunday going on toward Dallas and Mineral Wells, Texas.

If you will find me a place to sleep for Friday night, I will be grateful. Somebody's home or hotel -- either way.

For a title, how about "Next Steps About the Schools," or "Towards School Integration," or "The Past, Present, and Future of the Southern School System"?

Or, if you want a vaguer one, think it up and put it on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Division of the
Southern Regional Council
121 East Third Street
Room 299
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Sometime back I accepted, with a faint cloud of condition, an invitation to speak to the Unitarian Church group on the evening of December 15th for Miss Harriet Doar. Meanwhile, some earlier plans for a general coordinating meeting of people from a number of agencies in New York shaped up, and I thought it of first importance to be at the New York meeting.

Miss Doar was very kind in allowing me to substitute Fred Routh for my appearance. He has written her that he will be there that evening, staying at the Barringer Hotel. I understand that dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the speechmaking is at 8:00 p.m.

In my first correspondence with Miss Doar I told her of your appointment with SRC and she said that she would be in touch with you and ask you to be present, and later she will get in touch with you for her group.

I write merely in accordance with policy to let each state director know when one of us will be in his state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Blind copies to:
Mr. C. H. Parrish
HCF
GTH
KS
FBR

RESOLUTION OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- S.R.C.
November 23, 1954

It is with far more than perfunctory regret that we take note of Mr. Alfred D. Mynders' resignation as vice-president of the Southern Regional Council.

During his three years in that position, and for many years before that as a Board member, Mr. Mynders has given invaluable service to the Council and to the principles which it seeks to further. The Executive Committee and Board have been enriched by his wise and faithful counsel; the staff has been supported in countless instances by his steady advice, influence and skill.

The Southern Regional Council has had few adherents so finely attuned as Alfred Mynders to the spirit in which this movement for a better South proceeds. We rejoice in the thought that in his demanding professional activity he will be manifesting that spirit daily, for the advancement of the common good.

November 23, 1954

From THE GREENVILLE NEWS, Greenville, South Carolina
Issue of Wednesday, November 10, 1954

NAACP SLOGAN RED-INSPIRED

Editor, The News:

That the principal speaker at the NAACP testimonial dinner to former Judge Waties Waring in Charleston should be the head of the Southern Regional Council of Atlanta is very appropriate. While the Southern Regional Council has not yet been cited as a Communist-front by federal authorities, it has been revealed recently by the Augusta (Ga.) Courier that "at least 38 officials, members of the executive staff or directors of the SRC have had known records of association with Communist or Communist-front groups." The Southern Regional Council is conducting a South-wide campaign against segregation.

The official monthly publication of the Southern Regional Council is called New South. It may be significant that New South was started in 1938 by a group of Communist leaders including the notorious Negro Communist Henry Winston (see House Un-American Activities Committee Report of July 21, 1947, page 137).

Just as thousands of White "intellectuals" have been duped by Marxian propaganda, so many intelligent Negroes have fallen for the presumably Red-inspired NAACP slogan, "Free by 1963." This means that Negroes are being told that by 1963 they can be so amalgamated with White Americans that there will be no racial distinction in the U.S.

Let sensible Negroes consider that their progress in the future, as in the past, will depend on their cooperation with that White civilization which has made America the most powerful and prosperous nation in the world.

Stanley F. Morse
Charleston

November 23, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

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It is a one night stand for me, as I am going on North early the next morning. I am sure you would be very welcome, but I write merely in accordance with policy to let each state director know when any of us from this office are travelling into their state.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Blind copies to:
Mr. C. H. Parrish
FBR
GTH
HCF
KS

November 23, 1954

Mr. Milton H. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

I guess I never thanked you and Mademoiselle for company and transportation and much kindness, and for my opportunity to share your plans.

Every happiness to the two of you!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

Miss Sarah Dickey Ennis
Louisiana State University
Young Women's Christian Association
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Sarah:

Hi! I had a good time and learned a lot, and am glad I went.

And warmest congratulations on the powerful job done on the role-playing. It exceeded my fondest hopes.

I don't remember complaining to a soul about no action. Indeed, it would have been quite wrong to have pushed that group for action. The meeting was to straighten out ideas, and that was done.

Be nice to my Mr. Vigo. He is a good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

Mr. Dan W. Dodson
New York University
School of Education
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Dan:

All right for the meeting in New York December 15th. I will be present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Frank Loescher:

All straight about December 15th, and I will be on hand for the luncheon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

Mr. George W. Cathcart
Plymouth Congregational Church
514 Garfield Avenue
Detroit 1, Michigan

Dear Mr. Cathcart:

How very kind of the Men's Club to want me back again.

For the moment I am scot free during the whole of January and would be glad to come up anytime that it suits you.

I haven't got any Winter travel scheduled for your direction, so if you want me I am afraid you are stuck with travel cost to Detroit, but I will make it as reasonable as I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

Dictated November 22

Mr. Homer G. Dyer
J. H. Berry Realty Company
2910 Twenty-Seventh Street
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dyer:

Many thanks for your letters of November 10 and 18, the program, the clip, and the booklet. All remains in order.

I will be having at that time as a house guest Mr. Sastrowardojo Surjono, a thirty year old Indonesian diplomat in this country under the auspices of the Institute of International Relations in connection with the U. S. State Department's program of cultural exchange. I expect that Mr. Surjono will care to drive with me to Birmingham, and the next morning on to Nashville to a meeting there.

I have called the room clerk at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel just now, and made arrangements for Mr. Surjono to share my room or another room and be subjected to no embarrassment on account of his color. Either I, or the two of us, will arrive at the Thomas Jefferson well before 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 26th, and will be available there to be picked up at 6:00. I daresay Mr. Surjono will be Mohammedan, and may or may not be equipped with turban. The hotel room clerk understood the matter and promised all courtesies, saying that she would, in addition, notify the matter on memo to Mr. Whittle, the manager.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 23, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

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rnf
cc: KS
HCF
FBR

November 23, 1954

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

We put in the mail yesterday the lists of the Tennessee members (two copies to you, two copies to Miss Elsie Lewis, Secretary, and one copy to Mr. May, Treasurer). You will note that the lists show the year in which membership to the SRC was last paid. We are prepared to send you the membership cards whenever an office for the Tennessee Division is set up. For the time being the lists may meet your needs.

I am enclosing a list of the people in Tennessee with whom Mr. Menefee talked this summer during the time he was working for the SRC in Tennessee. The people on the list marked (I) are those whom Mr. Menefee thought would surely be hopeful prospects to recruit for any program in the state concerned with implementation of the school decision. He probably did not talk about organizational relationships but it is my impression that these people would likely be interested in a relationship to the Tennessee Division. The people on the second list (II) are those Mr. Menefee felt probably would be interested and helpful. In any case they should be sent materials of interpretation and given an opportunity to relate to the Tennessee Division development program.

Mr. Menefee's report is carried in the last issue of New South. Mr. Menefee made some suggestions about approach to communities on the basis of his summer experience which we prepared for staff use. You will be interested in this and I enclose a copy for your information.

I have turned over the bill for multigraphing and your travel vouchers to Miss Stoney. She, Miss Katherine Stoney, is the person to whom your communications in regard to financial arrangements with state organizations should be addressed.

Since we have already sent you the list of Tennessee members, I am returning Mrs. Todd's membership application for the Tennessee Division.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rmf
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cc: Miss Lewis
C.H. Parrish
F.B. Routh

November 23, 1954

Mr. Philip Weltner
Oglethorpe University
Oglethorpe University, Georgia

Dear Phil:

Sorry, because we would have greatly liked to have had you, but your reasons are sound and we agree.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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    FBR ✓
    GTH
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November 23, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Division of the
Southern Regional Council
121 East Third Street
Room 299
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Sometime back I accepted, with a faint cloud of condition, an invitation to speak to the Unitarian Church group on the evening of December 15th for Miss Harriet Doar. Meanwhile, some earlier plans for a general coordinating meeting of people from a number of agencies in New York shaped up, and I thought it of first importance to be at the New York meeting.

Miss Doar was very kind in allowing me to substitute Fred Routh for my appearance. He has written her that he will be there that evening, staying at the Barringer Hotel. I understand that dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the speechmaking is at 8:00 p.m.

In my first correspondence with Miss Doar I told her of your appointment with SRC and she said that she would be in touch with you and ask you to be present, and later she will get in touch with you for her group.

I write merely in accordance with policy to let each state director know when one of us will be in his state.

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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FBR ✓

November 23, 1954

Institute of Government
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send one copy of the following publication:

The School Segregation Decision

Enclosed is a check for $2.00.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 23, 1954

University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Gentlemen:

Please send us one copy of the following publication:

Williams, Robin M. and Margaret W. Ryan, Schools in Transition.

Enclosed is a check for $3.00

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 23, 1954

Mr. Ben Segal
2200 Columbia Place
Arlington, Va.

Dear Ben:

Enclosed a few more statements on the Supreme Court decision.

When I checked through the Georgia statements we have copies of I found that all but the one from the mental health people were limited to condemnation of the private schools amendment voted on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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November 23, 1954

Dr. Gordon Hancock
P.O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

We are printing in the current issue of New South the text of the resolution on Dr. Odum which you introduced at the annual meeting on November 10th.

We feel, however, that New South should carry in an early issue more substantial mention of Dr. Odum's important role as a founder and the first president of the Southern Regional Council.

I know of no one better equipped than yourself -- in first-hand knowledge, depth of understanding, and power of expression -- to write such an evaluation. It need not be long; 500 to 700 words should be sufficient.

As to timing, your own schedule would be the determining factor, of course, but I would be grateful if you could send us such an article within the next few weeks. Please write me that you will take on this memorial task.

With every good wish, as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

November 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR
FROM: GTH

We are trying to keep up to date for the Central Office a list of the responsible board officers of all state divisions, as these positions are filled. The attached list is the beginning. Will you aid us by letting us have the names of the officers of the Louisiana Division and help us by noting additions to this list as state organizations become established. It will be important to note the names of the responsible White and Negro persons involved in the organization. (This may mean the name of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The two representatives"ex-officio to the Council itself" should also be known. The provision in the SRC by-laws for two "ex-officio members from each affiliated state organization" was provided in order to insure the bi-racial representation from state organizations.) The list attached is for your use. There is a copy in my files and a copy in the central files for use by GSM, HCF and all other people who will need to know about the "official" and responsible people in each state organization.

vnf

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STATE DIVISIONS

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The First Methodist Church

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Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Irwin T. Sanders - Member and
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808 Starks Bldg.
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Rocky Mount, N.Ca.

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Nashville

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Mrs. James S. Crate, Chrmn.
2410 Inwood Drive
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2304 Herring St.
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Tex. Dr. W. R. Banks - V.Pres.
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1421 14th Street
Huntsville, Tex

Mr. O.A. Rowe - Sec.
Jasper - Tex.

Mr. J.D. McLeod
805 19½ St.
Huntsville, Tex.

November 24, 1954

Father Loyola O'Leary, M.S.S.S.T.
Holy Trinity Church
Harlan, Kentucky

Dear Father O'Leary:

I am deeply grateful for the kind invitation to be present at the dedication of Holy Trinity Church by His Excellence Bishop William T. Mulloy, D. D., on Wednesday, December 1, and to be present at the banquet at 8:00. Unfortunately, because of travel commitments of long standing, I can't get there.

I feel a special link with the Trinitarian Fathers and all that they do; all honor to the devotion which the Order shows.

If you will be so kind as to pay my respects to Bishop Mulloy, I will appreciate it. And someday when I can be travelling to Harlan, I hope to find you there at the new church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Fifteen years ago when I drove through Harlan, I proceeded east through Pound Gap into Virginia. At the head of the Gap I picked up a local man. Asked him how many different kinds of Baptists there were in Pound Gap. He named them all off and said that there was another kind that they called "No-Hell Baptists." It had got started forty years back when a man came up there from North Carolina, who was like a Free Will Missionary Baptist preacher in everything except that he didn't believe there was no Hell. Now the preacher is dead and gone, but he had been a good man and there are four No-Hell Baptist churches up there. I put all that in my head. In a mile or two he opened up again. A young fellow from one of the No-Hell churches was courting a girl. She went to her mother and said, "Mama, I love him and I would like to marry him, but you know he is a No-Hell." And the old lady said, "Well, go on daughter and marry him, and you and me will straighten him out."

November 24, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Under the terms of my letter to you of October 30th, Mr. Thomas Sutherland duly returned to this office an executed copy of the form attached to my letter of October 30.

If you will be so kind as to complete the form attached to this letter, listing Mr. Sutherland's name and mailing it to us, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 24, 1954

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> Signature ________________

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I enclose a suitable blank for use in this connection. Similar language should be submitted for each new person entering the whole or partially paid service of your organization, during such time as the organization is substantially assisted from the Southern Regional Council.

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GSM/eab
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Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

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Mr. Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

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107 East Spring Street
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Curb Market Building
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Mr. George E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

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The form attached to this letter should be so executed as to list the names of both Mr. Guy Wells and of Mrs. Luesta Knox.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 24, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

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Signature ____________

While I know that your organization has not at the present time engaged any personnel, I inform you in advance of this change in the arrangement outlined in my letter of October 30.

Several blanks for your future use are attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 24, 1954

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

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Executive Director

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Encl.

November 29, 1954

Mrs. Gertrude Folks Zimand
National Council on Agricultural
   Life and Labor
1751 N Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Zimand:

Bully for you!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 29, 1954

Dictated November 24

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural
Life and Labor
1751 N Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

Thank you for your letter of November 19.

Some of those around you will know of the John H. Rust Foundation. Mr. Rust died early this year, and I have not been able to find out in just what condition his affairs were left. But I know that the Foundation was in working order before his death and had made quite a number of small but carefully placed grants.

Were Mr. Rust alive he would be immediately interested in the problems you pose in Item 4.

I think his widow lives at Pine Bluff Arkansas. Doubtless a letter addressed to Mrs. John H. Rust, Pine Bluff, Arkansas will reach her. She was the treasurer and secretary of the Foundation.

A telephone call to the President of Arkansas A. & M. College in Pine Bluff (Mr. Lawrence Davis) would give you the facts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 29, 1954
(Dictated November 24)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Guy H. Wells

FROM: George S. Mitchell

I never saw a letter so full of flaws in logic as this.

It ought to be answered. And it seems to me that you and the Georgia Committee are in the forefront of that small body of individuals or group who should make an answer.

Will you consider what ought to be done?

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 29, 1954

(Dictated November 24)

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

How very much we appreciate the Doris Duke Foundation's grant of $10,000 for our information service for the coming year.

We quite understand that the grant is made without any commitment as to later extension to this program.

The check comes in at just the right time. We had a meeting of our Board November 10, and a good deal of uneasiness was expressed there about the difficulties this central office confronted in providing a policy lead to our fledgling twelve state organizations. The Doris Duke Foundation has made, we believe, a most strategic contribution.

We will be letting you know as to progress with the information service.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 29, 1954

(Dictated November 24)

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies Garment
Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

My own warm praise for the arrangement so unfairly and vituperately denounced in the enclosed.

The Augusta Courier is the personal weekly political organ of a powerful Georgia figure, Roy Harris.

This issue will show you what sort of opposition you and we are up against!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 29, 1954

Miss Joann Brown
Huntington Hall
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Miss Brown:

Our interest here in the Southern Regional Council has been in the community self-survey, rather than in the type of community survey planned and carried out by specialists or teams brought in from outside the community. I have sent you separately a copy of our self-survey manual and a popularized version of Greenville's (S.C.) self-survey of its Negro community.

If you are interested in the self-survey and its potentialties as a technique for improving community relations and stimulating community action, I think you will find some of the references in the attached bibliography helpful.

If you are not familiar with the program and publications of the University of Kentucky's Bureau of Community Service, you would probably find it worthwhile to write Dr. Irwin T. Sanders, Director, for a few sample survey reports and their guide in method, "Preparing a Community Profile: The Methodology of a Social Reconnaissance," May, 1952. The Bureau, which is located at the University at Lexington, sends out teams to communities in the state, upon request, to do what they call a "profile" study and to suggest follow-up action to the community.

Please feel free to return our self-survey material if you do not wish to purchase it.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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November 29, 1954

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

You will be glad to hear that the Doris Duke Foundation has sent us $10,000 for our information service project for the year 1955. The grant is without any commitment for subsequent years, but it will help us enormously in our whole problem of giving a policy lead to the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Blind Copy: Marion Wright

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Mrs. G.O. Clifford

Terry Mitchell

Garfield St.

November 29, 1954

Mrs. George Willard
President
Salisbury Woman's Club
Box 573
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Willard:

How very kind of you to send on the check for $25.00! The Council acknowledges with gratitude receipt in full of all expenses of the trip, and the total of $50.00 as honorarium.

I am sure that such goodly sums are not easy to come by, and we are warmly appreciative of the quite substantial help the $50.00 is to the Council.

And I got a great deal of pleasure our of the company and the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 29, 1954

Editor and Publisher
1475 Broadway
New York 36, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

If back issues are still available, please send one copy of the December 13, 1952 *Editor and Publisher* to the following address:

Mr. Quintin Whyte
South African Institute of Race Relations
Transvalia Building
21 Stiemens St.
Braamfontein
Johannesburg, South Africa

Bill the Southern Regional Council for this order rather than Mr. Whyte.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 29, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street - Rm. 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Many thanks for your good letter of the twenty-sixth of November which I received upon returning from the Thanksgiving trek to Miami. I was much impressed with the good write-up you got in the Charlotte Observer for the Council. My only comment on the picture of you is (1) you look a little bit sad and (2) it doesn't do you justice. I enclose a mat in this letter as you requested. My only comments on it are (1) it will shock people who don't like pipe smokers and (2) thank goodness for touch-up artists!

I will be very pleased to have you introduce me to Mrs. Doar's group but don't make the build-up toomuch or the product which follows will be too much of a let-down for the audience there assembled.

Regarding the brief history of the SRC which George gave in Atlanta, we are now preparing a ten-year history of the Council (I use the term "we" broadly for in reality Harold Fleming is doing the job). I believe this will be a future copy of New South or perhaps a special edition and as quickly as it is available we will rush a copy to you. I have asked Harold to dig out a copy of the Durham statement on what the Negro wants from the white South. Actually it should be remembered that this was done back in 1943 or thereabouts and much of what the Negro leaders asked for has been accomplished. It is an important document, however, to show how much progress has been made in the South over the past ten years and therefore how much more progress can be made in the South in the next few years.

I will notify you in advance of my arrival time in Charlotte and would be very grateful if you could meet me. From what I understand from Mrs. Doar I will be staying at the Barringer Hotel. I will be glad to stay over the extra day -- Thursday, the sixteenth -- and discuss at length anything and everything that needs discussion at this time.

Thanks again for keeping us informed about developments in North Carolina. It is evident from the contents of your letter that you are well experienced in the field and in organizational relationship and, believe me, that is a refreshing situation.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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cc:CHP

November 29, 1954

Mr. Arthur J. Moore, Jr.
Assistant Editor
World Outlook
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have been on a trip and I am just back to your letter of November 15. You are perfectly welcome to use the Herald-Tribune article, but I notify you of the fact that the magazine of the YWCA (which has its head office in New York) some weeks ago asked for and had permission to reprint that talk in their February, 1955 issue.

That being the case, it occured to me that you might not wish to make use of the Herald-Tribune article. So I have done afresh most of the ideas that are in that article. Here's the manuscript.

I don't think much of it because it was done in a hurry. Take your choice -- use either one or neither.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

By: George S. Mitchell

PROPOSED ARTICLE FOR WORLD OUTLOOK

Recently at the Herald-Tribune Forum Harry Ashmore, Editor of the Arkansas Gazette at Little Rock, made a most interesting observation. Every major denominational group in the South in which a split had occured on the issue of slavery had, he said, within recent months resolved officially that the decision of the Supreme Court in the public school segregation cases was morally right and deserved acceptance.

Some of these statements are as follows: From the Southern Baptist Convention in June, 1954 "That we recognize the fact that this Supreme Court decision is in harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal freedom to all citizens, and with the Christian principles of equal justice and love for all men." . . . That we urge Christian statesmen and leaders in our churches to use their leadership in positive thought and planning to the end that this crisis in our national history shall not be made the occasion for new and bitter prejudices, but a movement toward a united nation embodying and proclaiming a democracy that will commend freedom to all peoples." From the Florida Conference of the Methodist Church: "We commend the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court guaranteeing to all American citizens equal educational opportunities, making the law of the land more consistent with the Scriptures and with the declared principles of the Churches, including our own. . . ." From the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church: "We believe our people should face the practical phases of this decision with the courage, poise and maturity of law-abiding citizens." From the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church: "We hold that Christian citizenship involves adherence to the Constitution even when the Supreme Court renders a decision contrary to our individual sentiment. We feel that this decision is consistent with and supports the view of the General Conference. . . . We call upon the governor, the members of the state legislature, the public school authorities, and our people to explore ways and means of implementing the historic and unanimous decision." From the June, 1954, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.: "That the General Assembly affirm that enforced segregation of the races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian theology and ethics, and that the Church, in its relationship to cultural patterns, should lead rather than follow."

Quite similar statements could be adduced from the Catholic Church, from the Lutherans, from the Disciples of Christ, and from many others. This is a heartening development. The more so because the active work of religious people all over the United States, and particularly in the South, is going to be sorely needed in getting local community acceptance of the Supreme Court's decision.

I run a race relations agency extending into the thirteen Southern states. Our Southern Regional Council is in daily contact with the raw edge of this problem. And we are convinced that the greatest hope for peaceful progress in the whole matter is bound up with what church people will do.

The South is of many parts and of many minds. In some parts, more particularly the Appalachian areas and in the Ozarks and the far Southwest, there is every reason to expect compliance without a great deal of to-do. In another whole tier of counties industry has made such progress that both the white and Negro populations have achieved a basically similar economic and cultural status. The population is heavily urban and cities will generally find integration easier to work out than open country areas. In the old plantation counties, stretching around the coastal plain and extending around over the lower Mississippi valley, such a basic human equality is far from having been attained. In those counties, many of which have smaller white populations than Negro, public school integration is likely to get its strongest opposition. In the coastal country and in much of Florida industrial opportunity is now available to both the white and Negro population, and while integration will be resisted, it is likely to be achieved spottily at a fairly early date.

The problem in some areas of the South is beyond what local civil institutions can cope with. The South in general has the tradition of political and civic democracy in a foreshortened form. Bias in those areas, therefore, puts civil democracy to its utmost strain.

Civil democracy in any case rests fundamentally upon religious concepts. And where civil democracy is under strain, it would seem to be the duty of the church to reknit with its gospel of brotherhood the fraying rope of community cohesion.

All well and good. And Christian people as a matter of theory will doubtless agree. The pronouncements of the major church bodies show that purpose. But how is religious purpose to be translated into local action?

The root of the problem is local understanding and agreement. Unfortunately, most Southern communities have few lay institutions through which agreement on such an important matter can be reached as between white and Negro citizens. One might think that that is to be done by local school boards. But with nine or ten carefully known exceptions, local school boards are Caucasian. And the Negro members of Southern state legislatures can be counted by a man who knows 1, 2, and 3. And the same is the case for Negro members of state school boards.

This is where the churches can exemplify Christian doctrine. They can arrange small neighborhood discussion meetings of white and Negro people. Such meetings in quite a number of places in the South have already reached agreement as to the issue, and have gon on to explore the local facts about the schools. How many children in School A? How many children in school B?

How many school buildings? Condition of the buildings? Cost of the buildings? How far do what children travel or walk to reach their school? How far do certain other children? What regulations govern teacher tenure? If the schools were put together, how many children from what grades would switch from A to B and from B to A? What would be the savings, or what would be the added cost in new school structures? In many communities, such an array of facts casts up as an end result that nine or eighteen or thirty-one children would, as a matter of fact, enter a different school from the one they have been going to, and those who take part in the discussions are apt to form the opinion that such degree of integration as the local facts call for is managable and managable at an early date. Thus a plan has been born. And the likelihood is great that in the coming years, local school officials will be under stern legal pressure to comply with the Court's decision, and will be seeking eagerly for some segment of supporting community opinion. This is a workable course of action, and one in which the churches can clearly most easily take the lead.

Often the communities do not begin something the church women can begin. They are parents and they are the ones who go to most of the PTA meetings, and through the various church organizations they feel keenly the impulse of Christian conscience.

A practicable, but often unexpected result comes out of such meetings. Negro citizens, approached in this way, show a degree of responsibility for which they had not formerly been given credit. They don't want strife and turmoil; they want schools that comply with the law and that comply peacefully and in an atmosphere of consent conducive to good education. Asked to play their fair responsible part toward achieving integration by combined community effort, there is every reason to believe that they will respond honorably and well.

A word of caution should be said about such meetings. If the two groups come together under circumstances reminiscent of the South's burden of patronage and disdain — no good. Each group must come with the clear purpose of solving in mutual dignity common problems. And that method gets close to the heart of the whole matter that public school integration is about. The central core of the demand of deprived peoples the world over is respect for equal human dignity. It is by an accident of American constitutional law that that same demand comes through our courts as a finding that segregated public schools are unconstitutional. Unsegregated public schools are seen as a step -- albeit an important one -- along the journey to equal human dignity. And those neighborhoods and towns which contrive successful local recognition of equal human dignity will be much nearer to peaceful agreement on what to do about the schools. Only religion is strong enough to bring alive in many a neighborhood equal human dignity.

Another task the churches could take up locally. In every Southern home there will come some day a morning when the mother is dressing the children to get them off to school, knowing in her heart that on that day there will be a new situation in the school. By a shrug or a word, she can communicate her burden of prejudice to the next generation. Or she can say "John," or "Jane, there will be some little new children in school this morning, and mama wants you to be nice to them." That is a Christian duty; and I should think ministers and lay people would wish to take it up.

The Western world is under challenge today. And the Western tradition is a Christian tradition. The whole world watches to see whether democracy and Christianity in America are strong enough to comply with that lawful conscience of America which lives in the Supreme Court. Unless church people, white and Negro, are persuaded that integration will work, it won't. Here is a great opportunity for America to live up to its finest motives. If local churches will remember and act upon their central teachings, none of us need have fear as to community responses.

November 29, 1954

Mr. J.A. McDaniel, Ex. Sec.
Memphis Urban League, Inc.
546 Beale Avenue
Memphis 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Thank you for sharing the very encouraging letter from Mr. Burch with us. It sounds as if the Tennessee Division is moving ahead toward a sound start. I am sure that everyone who has hopes for the state organization shares our feelings of gratitude that you have been able to work as closely with it as you have. We look forward to having a complete list of the board members with their responsibilities as soon as the organization is completed.

With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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cc:Mr. Beckman
Miss Lewis
Dr. Parrish
Mr. Routh

C O P Y

Law Offices
Burch, Porter & Johnson
Court Square Building
128 North Court Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

November 19, 1954

REV. J.A. McDaniel
756 Saxon Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Rev. McDaniel:

I have read the folder which you sent me about the Southern Regional Council, Inc. and also the By-Laws of The Tennessee Council On Human Relations, an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council.

I am very much impressed by what men like Ralph McGill, Virginus Dabney and Hodding Carter say about the Southern Regional Council, but I am most of all impressed by your assurances and I am willing to follow them. If you think I can be of any help in this work, I will be glad to serve.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Lucius E. Burch, Jr.

LEB,Jr-TD

November29, 1954

Daily Record Company
11 E. Saratoga St.
Baltimore 2, Md.

Gentlemen:

We would like to have one copy of the Amicus Curiae brief of the Attorney General of Maryland on the school segregation cases before the U. S. Supreme Court.

I understand that copies are $1.50 each and I am enclosing a check for that amount.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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November 29, 1954

Mr. C.A. McKnight
Southern Education Reporting Service
P.O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McKnight:

Thank you for your attention to our request for additional copies of the Southern School News. In my opinion each issue improves in quality and coverage.

With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

November 29, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am enclosing a part of Mr. Brewer's report which we prepared for use by the staff. You will remember that we spoke of the possibilities for the establishment of "official human relations agencies under state auspices" when you were in last week. You will note that Mr. Brewer confirms my feelings -- namely, that there will be a need for voluntary groups for a long time whether or not official agencies come into being.

I am also sending, because I think you will enjoy it, a copy of some notes which Mr. Menefee sent for staff use as a result of his travels (the material for the public from his travels is reported in New South, as you know).

I am delighted that a program planning committee was authorized and Dr. Mitchell has suggested that we move ahead with it. I think it will be a useful mechanism.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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November 29, 1954

Mr. James M. Nabrit, Jr.
Secretary, Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nabrit:

We are very anxious to secure a copy of the brief on implementation of the May 17 school segregation decision recently filed on behalf of Consolidated Parents Group.

Could you send or have a copy sent to us as soon as possible? We will of course be glad to meet any expense involved.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 30, 1954

Mr. Walter Reuther, President
Congress of Industrial Organizations
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

This will show what organized labor (and ourselves) have to contend with!

Harris is a potent Georgia political figure, and this weekly sheet of his is in a bad old Georgia tradition for politicians to run their own, semi-clandestine papers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 30, 1954

Office of the Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Our office is very anxious to secure a copy of the brief on implementation of the May 17 school segregation decision recently filed by the U. S. Department of Justice.

We would appreciate your sending a copy of the Attorney General's brief as soon as possible. If there is any expense involved, we will of course be glad to reimburse your office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 30, 1954

Dr. Hobart M. Corning
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Corning:

We are very anxious to secure a copy of the brief on implementation of the May 17 school segregation decision recently filed on behalf of the District of Columbia Board of Education.

We would appreciate your sending a copy of the Board's brief as soon as possible. Our office will of course be glad to meet any expense involved.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

November 30, 1954

Miss Cora Kasius
Editor
Social Casework
192 Lexington Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Kasius:

Our good friend, Miss Florence Sytz, from the School of Social Work at Tulane University, wrote us November 19th and said we ought to send you certain named publications, which she thought you might consider for a listing in Social Casework.

Miss Sytz listed the issues of New South which I enclose. I send, independently, our latest pamphlet which is really a honey. We have sold 20,000 and are well into a second printing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: July, 1950 New South
October, 1954 New South

Answers for Action sent separately.

November 30, 1954

(Dictated November 24)

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane University
School of Social Work
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

Mighty kind of you, and we will follow up on the DPW lead.

I have sent Miss Kasius the enclosed.

If this helps you in any way with a note for The Social Service Review, let me know.

The Executive Committee, on a call of its chairman, came back into session November 23rd and altered the business about attesting loyalty into something simple and positive. Much relief was expressed by various persons in this and state staffs. I thought you would be glad to know of this.

You were a much valued part of our meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - July, 1950 New South
October, 1954 New South

Answers for Action also sent to Miss Kasius

November 30, 1954

Miss Margaret Garrity
3571 South Stafford Street
Fairlington, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

This confirms telephone conversation this morning. I'll stop in Washington, airplane weather permitting, about 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 18, and will need to be a'travelling on toward Atlanta about 5:00 p.m. that day. At your service, Arlington or wherever, for the hours in between. And will bring some Answers for Action.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Time
Reading file

November 30, 1954

Dictated November 24

Mrs. John H. Rust
Pine Bluff
Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Rust:

Perhaps you will have heard that in April of this year the Fund for the Republic made a good round grant to the Southern Regional Council. It was for $240,000 to be used in setting up in each of twelve Southern states a professionally staffed race relations agency. Staff is already at work in five or six of the states, and we hope to get things organized in Arkansas in the next few weeks.

The Fund for the Republic specified that each state had to raise $1800 or so in the coming year, and we in this office had to turn up $40,000.

We can see within reaching distance of the $40,000 by the end of our budgetary period -- September, 1955. But it is going to be a hard reach.

I am not now making a request of the John H. Rust Foundation, but I would be grateful if you would let me know whether the Foundation's affairs were at Mr. Rust's death in such a position that it could consider written requests for aid.

I am warmly appreciative of the warmth and friendship you both were so kind as to give me in our earlier arrangings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/aab

November 30, 1954

Mrs. Myron Schwartz
Jewish Community Relations Council
602 Fullerton Building
Saint Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Schwartz:

You were a good egg to trot along to all the meetings. I am glad you found them interesting. It was a real help to us to be represented. I have looked through most of the speeches, particularly Harry Carmen's and Dan Dodson's, and got some flavor of what went on.

Margaret Dagen I know quite well. If the Kentucky people pick her I feel sure we would be on her side.

Nice to see Myron in Boston.

Goodness knows when I will get to St. Louis, but the two of you are by long odds my best friends thereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 30, 1954

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Tacoma Park, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

At some sweet date I will write you a nice long letter and tell you all about developments Southerly and at SRC.

I write now to say that in 1955 we are going to have a toughish time putting together the last few thousands of the sum of $20,000 that we must collect for this central office in order to meet our obligation to the Fund for the Republic. They, bless them, said we might have so much and our state organizations might have so much, if we raised and they raised stated amounts.

Goodness knows I wouldn't dare ask you to help us in the thousands. But I risk this premonitory note, in case the two of you are budgeting this early, in the hope that you will save a spot for a sum to the Council, at any date before September 30th of next year. Two hundred or three hundred dollars would be a long lead toward meeting our problem.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 30, 1954

The Reverend Carl R. Pritchett
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Carl:

All straight about my being at your service December 14th at 7:30.

I am coming on Eastern Air Lines' plane which puts me at Anderson at 1:44 p.m. Nobody need met me. I will just come in and make my way to the church. Possibly the best use of my effort Tuesday afternoon is to store me away for a nap.

I have got a complicated travel problem from Anderson on out. I have got to catch a New York bound plane so as to put me in New York for a mid-day meeting Wednesday, December 15. The only plane I can figure leaves at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15th. So, what I ought to have is just transportation Anderson to Charlottee during the night of the 14th-15th. Will you ask your young lady to check around a bit as to public conveyances to Charlotte?

I don't mind missing the sleep. This queer travel business precludes my accepting your kind invitation to spend at any rate the whole night of the 14th at your home. I expect what I will have to do is to take a late bus to Charlotte and get bedded down at a hotel in Charlotte for a few hours. The more I will welcome a nap at your home on the day of the 14th!

I send you a glossy. Also biography herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 30, 1954

The Reverend Almon R. Pepper
The National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Pepper:

I am honored by the invitation in your letter of November 21, and of course accept with pleasure.

Unfortunately, I am long promised to be in Texas December 5-10, and so can't be at the gathering in New York on December 7. But I shall be coming to New York, at someone else's expense, December 15, 16, and 17, and will make it my business to call for time with you or Mr. Weston, and make whatever contribution I can at that stage to the work underway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. I think myself the best action program is small local discussion groups, Church-inspired, of white and Negro local citizens, to explore the two minds, find the facts, and make the beginning of a plan. That's health.

November 30, 1954

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

We appreciate you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 30, 1954

Mrs. Betty I Davis
School of Social Work
Richmond Professional Institute
of the College of William and
Mary
800 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Delighted to stay in Richmond for the 26th and the luncheon. Hope you do get to Atlanta, and we can discuss it, but in any case I'm available for the 26th of April, and at your service.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 30, 1954

(Dictated November 24)

Mr. C. A. McKnight
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Pete:

It is a pleasure to send you five copies of the October New South as you requested November 18th.

Everyone has the warmest praise for your paper. I think that the historians, when they write about this period of Southern history, will say that in the '50's daylight was let into the subterranean caverns of the Southern mind, and that what demons survived went into very dark holes indeed. And yours is the brightest light doing the shining.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Five copies of October, 1954 New South under
Separate Cover this date.

November 30, 1954

Mr. John Scanlon
The Fund for the Advancement
of Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

We are delighted to see that Schools in Transition has been published and is getting such a good press. I haven't yet seen a copy but will in a day or two.

John Griffin, following his conversation with you the other day, passes along the cheerful word that we might hope to get a supply of the Fund's copies. This would be welcome indeed, since our state organizations are blossoming out with full-time staff and need all available guidance material in this field.

We can readily make good use of as many as a hundred copies, if that's within reason; if not, whatever you can let us have will be well and gratefully put to work.

I wish, along with you and Phil, that the Pierce-Swanson-Maclachlan manuscript were in the same happy stage of development. My exposure to it has been brief and recent, but sufficient for me to appreciate the headaches.

Incidentally, I am still holding on to the Ashmore file pending further word from you. It is probably just as well to let that matter rest until some of the other loose ends of the project have been tidied up.

Give my best to Dorothy and to Phil. Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HTF/rnf

November 30, 1954

Miss Lazelle D. Alway
National Child Labor Committee
419 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Lazelle,

I trust that you will forgive my delay in answering your letter of September 24th. I was out of the city at the time (greeting a granddaughter). When I returned it was too late for me to be of any help to Dr. Kenneth Clark in the preparation of his material to be used before the Supreme Court. There were over the summer some remarkable "Letters to the Editor" in Southern papers but so far as I know there was no systematic effort to compile and keep up with them.

I am sure that you know about the Southern School News published monthly by the Southern Education Reporting Service. It is, at the moment, the most useful source of information about community developments in regard to desegregation. It is available upon request.

Nice to have word about Grace Stuff and I hope that she is fine now. As you gather from the letterhead, I am on leave from the Atlanta Urban League and am working with the Southern Regional Council.

Will look forward to your coming to the region again sometime soon.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

November 30, 1954

Miss Helen Hall
National Association of Consumers
265 Henry Street
New York 2, New York

Dear Helen,

I have just discovered that I have not acknowledged your letter of September 24th. I was out of the city when it came (greeting a granddaughter). It would not have been possible for me to attend the October 15th meeting but I am certainly interested to hear about the answers which the group arrived at as they considered the future of NAC. I will say again that I am not a very helpful member of the board and I am ready to relinquish my place to someone who may be in a position of greater usefulness. Either on or off the board I surely stand ready to help in any way possible but the possibilities of organization of local groups in this region seem to me fairly slim. Please do let me hear about decisions reached. I am genuinely interested.

With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

December 1, 1954

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

I am long since obligated to write you of people who would be helpful to your visitors into the South.

For anyone from a mountainous country, a visit to the Southern Appalachians would be of interest. A suitable person there would be George D. Stevens, manager of the Stevens Press, Asheville, North Carolina. He is white, a Trustee of the University of North Carolina, widely informed on mountainy matters. Not rich, but has ample means for making a guest comfortable.

Still another mountain place would be Berea College, Kentucky. I would suggest there the President of the college, Mr. Francis S. Hutchins. The President's home is a spacious one. The college is originally a Northern Presbyterian Foundation. Incidentally, it is traditionally and presently without racial prejudice and admits students of all colors, though it confines its student body of set purpose almost entirely to the Southern Appalachian area.

For anyone interested in industrial development, you are quite right in sending people to the TVA area, but you could pick persons in any number of towns in the Piedmont South. I think of a man who owns a short-line railroad running out of High Point, North Carolina by mane of O. A. Kirkman. Sometime student at Oxford University, established businessman, international understanding. Or at Charlotte, North Carolina, put somebody in the custody of Harry S. Jones, Secretary of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, office at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, telephone number FRanklin 6-6833. Home address: Yorkmount Road, telephone EDison 3-9155. For several years past the Secretary of the North Carolina Conference of Christians and Jews. Congregational minister, I think, though no church presently. Big enough home to entertain somebody, and widely informed on the industrial and racial problems of the South.

In South Carolina, Richard Foster, a young lawyer who is on Fridays the Juvenile Court judge for Greenville County. White, modern, sometime president of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council. French World War II war bride wife.

Gainesville, Georgia. Small industrial city in the heart of the bacon-raising county of Georgia. Able and agreeable fellow there is Sylvan Meyer. Edits the town's daily paper. Liberal, informed, influential, delightful.

Come down now to the Plantation Belt. For North Carolina, the Reverend Leon C. Russell, First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount. Mildly liberal minister. In the heart of a plantation area. Generously large manse.

South Carolina. Now here is a jewel. At, or rather outside, Mayesville lives James C. Dabbs. Taught English at Coker College for many years. Inherited, unexpectedly, a plantation and went back to make a living from it. Not young, but he works hard in the fields. The great plantation mansion three hundred feet long with tall white hollow columns. When the Northern armies came in '65 the library was lowered into the columns and afterwards fished up again. Attractive wife who works hard at churchy causes over the state and is active with the National Council of Churches. Space galore though unheated in the wintertime. No money. Infinite hospitality. Past president of the South Carolina Division of SRC. Complete interracial understanding. His home is the choicest way I know for the visitor to get the feel of what the old South was.

Charleston, South Carolina. Mrs. Margaret Childs, 73 King Street. Johns Hopkins graduate. Married to a sometime professor now in business. Small home. Many children. Little room. Much hospitality. Knows the city intimately. Charleston is a proper stop for most of your visitors who come South. Quaint and out of the way but speaks volumes as to the way the South used to be.

Alabama. The Reverend Robert E. Hughes, secretary of the Alabama Division of SRC. Business address: Room 206, Moore Building, Court Street, Montgomery. Young person doing a new job. Little means. Good knowledge. Montgomery lies at the northern edge of the Alabama Plantation Belt.

New Orleans. Milton C. Vigo, secretary of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, telephone CAnal 4635. Home address: 1224 Ursulines Street, telephone MAin 4295. Young Catholic fellow. Could open the city and the state to any visitor.

Houston, Texas. Mrs. James S. Crate, 2410 Inwood Drive. A no longer young widow of an oil company official. Spacious home. Active in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Chairman of the Texas Council on Race Relations.

At Austin, where the state university is, Thomas Sutherland, 309 West 21st Street. Executive secretary of the Texas Council on Race Relations. Until a few weeks ago he managed the organized interest in the state in relations between the Mexican-Americans and Anglo-American populations.

Able, vigorous, informed, friendly. Close relationship to the University of Texas.

You will find that the secretaries of the Urban Leagues in Southern Communities would be helpful to any of your visitors interested particularly in Negro matters. These are all Negro persons having staff and bits of time at their disposal. They are as follows:

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, Ex.
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Samuel D. Harvey, Ex.
Winston-Salem Urban League
210 West Fourth Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. J. Westbrook McPherson, Ex.
New Orleans Urban League
712 N. Clairborne Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. H. Daniel Lang, Ex.
Miami Urban League
341 N. W. Thirteenth St.
Miami, Florida

Miss Velma T. McEwen, Ex.
Fort Worth Urban League
411½ East Ninth Street
Fort Worth, Texas

Mr. Charles T. Steele, Ex.
Louisville Urban League
608 Walnut Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Mr. J. A. McDaniel, Ex.
Memphis Urban League
546 Beale Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Wiley Hall, Ex.
Richmond Urban League
900 St. James Street
Richmond, Virginia

Mrs. Cenoria Johnson, Ex.
Oklahoma City Urban League
211 Walnut Street
Oklahoma City 4, Okla.

Mr. Levin W. Armwood, Ex.
Jacksonville Urban League
610 West Duval St.
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Mr. Perry Taylor, Ex.
Little Rock Urban League
914 Gaines St.
Little Rock, Arkansas

I could run on for pages with the names of people who would wish to be helpful.

From time to time as you face some special problem of placement, if you will write me or call me, I think we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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December 1, 1954

Mr. Robert Perry Hyatt
Cherokee,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hyatt:

'Way last Spring when I was at Chapel Hill, you let me know you were available to do mountainy things.

Never got hold of you, but this issue of our maggie results from the general idea.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl - New South, October, 1954

December 1, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: F.B. Routh
FROM: G.T. Hamilton

We were surprised to learn today that the Little Rock organizational meeting was being held on Thursday instead of Friday.

In view of the short notice it was not possible for Parrish to plan attendance at this meeting but is planning to arrive in Austin for the Texas meeting.

He will leave Louisville late Friday flying direct to Austin and will be there possibly for an evening meeting on the 3rd and for the Saturday sessions.

You will be able to let Sutherland know that both of you can be present for the meeting.

Hope things go well in Arkansas. It might be well to let the leadership there know that Parrish is available to aid the development of the Arkansas committee but does require longer notice ahead of time of meetings being planned.

rnf
Air Mail
Special Delivery
cc:CHP

December 1, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. C.H. Parrish
FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

RE: Texas Meeting - Dec. 3-4

The meeting of the Texas Commission on Human Relations is being held in Austin Dec. 3 and 4. Fred Routh's contact in Little Rock is

% Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Ark.

His contact in Texas is

% Tom Sutherland
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Tex.
Telephone - 78819

I suggest that you tell Fred that it is possible and you are planning to attend the meeting of the Texas Commission and when you will arrive. Ask him to let Mrs. Crate and Tom Sutherland know that you expect to be present.

rnf
Air Mail Special

December 1, 1954

Mr. Abbott L. Ferris
433 Argo Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Abbott:

We have finally worked out an arrangement with the Texas Commission on Race Relations. They have employed, largely with the proceeds of money the Council can hand on to them from the Fund for the Republic, a guy named Thomas Sutherland. He has an office at 309 West Twenty-First Street, Austin, Texas. He has been working for the last few year on fixing up matters between Mexican-Americans and Anglo-Texans. Big, though bony, Texas guy -- good egg. Now he has race relations in Texas.

Do help him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Father left a manuscript of memoirs and Alice and I this past Summer did 150 mimeographed copies. I mailed one to my cousin, John Mitchell. The best address I could dream up was: Mr. John Mitchell, Planter Lula, Mississippi. It squatted at Planter Lula for a couple of weeks and then cam home marked "Unknown and Uncalled for." Can you give me a better steer?

December 1, 1954

Mrs. Mae Mitchell
Farmers Home Administration
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mrs Mitchell:

I try to keep in touch with Claude Faris. I know he has moved from that South Carolina farm near Abbeyville. Somebody told me that you would know where he is.

If you can send me his address, I would be grateful.

You may not see me around, but I still have a ghost of myself in whatever is the FHA office in Raleigh.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

Mr. Edward Kloppe
Kyle
Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

I perceive that the Texas Commission on Race Relations has, quite with our agreement, put Tom Sutherland on the job with them. Still, I hope you will remember that I think you are a good egg and have very important things to do ahead of you.

It is only once in a long time that I meet a guy with whom I am sufficiently in rapport to need do no more than begin sentences to convey and sense understanding.

Let me know about you from time to time please.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

Mr. Robert McC. Figg, Attorney
Peoples Building
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Figg:

We would like very much to have the opportunity to read the brief on implementation of the May 17 school segregation decision filed on behalf of the Clarendon County School Board.

Could you have a copy of the Clarendon County brief sent to us?

We will of course be glad to meet any expenses involved.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

encl
SRC Toward the South of the Future

December 1, 1954

Mr. Maurice Lazarus
Executive Vice-President
Foley's
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Lazarus:

'Way back last July at Joe Ross' instance, you were kind enough to let me drop in for a chat about the Southern Regional Council's work.

I write to put in a pleasant item of news. We have worked in Texas, as you know, mainly through the Texas Commission on Race Relations. Recently, as a result of various conferrings, they have engaged permanent professional staff with the proceeds of aid to them largely from the Council.

The new man is Tom Sutherland at Austin. He has been working previously on the problem of better relations between people of Mexican descent and Anglo-Texans, if I may coin a word.

We all like him and think he will do an excellent job. He has an office at 309 West Twenty-First Street in Austin.

I hope you will have an interest in what he and the Texas Commission can get underway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mrs. James S. Crate
Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
Mr. Joseph Ross

December 1, 1954

Dr. Will Alexander
New Hope Farm
RFD 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

'Way last Spring you lent a heavy helping hand to a query from the Doris Duke Foundation about SRC.

At an appropriate time we followed up, and they have given us just in the last few days $10,000 for 1955. It is to help us do a better job of drawing together the facts about change on this front in the South. And it fits perfectly into another grant of $7,000 from Marshall Field for making New South look better.

Just as 'tis nice to see your son do well at school, so it ought to be nice to you to see this helpful plan succeed.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service
Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

I remember that way back last July you wrote Clarence Pickett on our behalf.

T'other day the Doris Duke Foundation most kindly sent us $10,000 to help along our problem of raking in info on changes in the South. It fits perfectly into another recent grant of $7,000 from the Marshall Field Foundation for perking up New South. These two grants go a long way toward seeing us through this first year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Reid:

Marion Wright turned over to me the other day your letter to him of October 27th. You want to know whether some deal could be worked out to continue a teaching contact with the Equal Penalties study. Ernest Barth at Chapel Hill is supposed to be doing the final draft of analysis of what the young men found. The budget for the Commission on Equal Penalties is down to two or three hundred dollars.

I have seen a first draft of the analysis. While it sustains the thesis, it does so on a statistical basis not sufficiently broad, in my judgment, to serve as a basis for founding a South-wide Commission on Equal Penalties. Best thing to do, I think, is to let us send you a copy of the final analysis when it is in, and then you can decide what further relationship with the project you would like the young men to have.

I think what is going to happen is that it is going to become a quite important exhibit in a series of exhibits (money not yet existing), which would have to be adduced before a Commission. Ed Lukas is working to enlist further social science studies on the subject. Could you get some more facts brought out?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

December 1, 1954

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Tacoma Park, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

At some sweet date I will write you a nice long letter and tell you all about developments Southerly and at SRC.

I write now to say that in 1955 we are going to have a toughish time putting together the last few thousands of the sum of $20,000 that we must collect for this central office in order to meet our obligation to the Fund for the Republic. They, bless them, said we might have so much and our state organizations might have so much, if we raised and they raised stated amounts.

Goodness knows I wouldn't dare ask you to help us in the thousands. But I risk this premonitory note, in case the two of you are budgeting this early, in the hope that you will save a spot for a sum to the Council, at any date before September 30th of next year. Two hundred dollars or so would be a long lead toward meeting our problem.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

The Reverend Carl R. Pritchett
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Carl:

All straight about my being in Anderson December 14th at 7:30 p.m.

I am coming on Eastern Air Lines' plane which put me at Anderson at 1:44 p.m. Nobody need meet me. I will just come in and make my way to the church. Possibly the best use of my effort Tuesday afternoon is to stow me away for a nap.

I have got a complicated travel problem from Anderson on out. I have got to catch a New York bound plane so as to put me in New York for a mid-day meeting Wednesday, December 15. The only plane I can figure leaves at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15th. So, what I ought to have is public transportation Anderson to Charlotte during the night of the 14th-15th. Will you ask your young lady to check around a bit as to public conveyances to Charlotte?

I don't mind missing the sleep. This queer travel business precludes my accepting your kind invitation to spend at any rate the whole night of the 14th at your home. I expect what I will have to do is to take a late bus to Charlotte and get bedded down at a hotel in C Charlotte for a few hours. The more I will welcome a nap at your home on the afternoon of the 14th!

I send you a glossy. Also biography herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 1, 1954

Mr. Ernest A. T. Barth
303 C Alumni Building
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Barth:

How are you coming on the final draft of the material about equal penalties?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

Mr. George B. Tindall
4564 Arrowhead Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Tindall:

That was certainly mighty kind of you to send the piece from The Greenville News of November 10.

You are quite right in your appraisal of Stanley Morse. I think that informed South Carolinians have his number. The paper called the Augusta Courier which he quotes as though it was a reputable sheet, is actually a political organ of a leading politician in Georgia, one Roy Harris. It gave many issues early this past Summer to piling up a record that our Council was red-related. All poppycock. And as the paper has no reputation we do not dignify it with reply. But we have tried to stamp on the lies when they appear in reputable organs. I arranged for the President of our Council, Marion Wright, to visit the Editor of the Greenville Piedmont about November 24th and point out to him that Morse's letter was silly.

Harris had also picked up the visible circumstance of some Communist sheet published years ago having the name New South. When the Council picked that name for its publication, it had never heard of the Communist sheet, and the two things have no connection organically, historically, or otherwise. I doubt if the Communist Party one showed for more than three issues. In any case, it is down in the minutes of the Council that the Executive Committee considered twenty-odd names as possibles, and finally settled on this one -- reminiscent of Henry Grady.

The Louisiana Council on Human Relations, which is in part an outgrowth of our movement in that state, now has its employed secretary, Milton Vigo at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building in New Orleans. I hope you and he will be in touch and doing things together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

Mr. Samuel N. Slie
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sam:

Many thanks for your letter of October 27th. We all read about the matter with much interest.

Can't you see to it that Catchings' new job really helps on schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

Bureau of Government Research
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Folks:

You very kindly sent me a copy of The Crisis of the States, but every other page or so was a blank. Looks like it is worth reading and if you will send me a whole one, I will read her smack through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 1, 1954

Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines
National Association of Colored Women, Inc.
1601 "R" Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Gaines:

You will remember that we chatted briefly at the meeting of the various agencies which followed the Herald-Tribune Forum.

I send you a copy of the Council's most recent bulletin, Answers for Action.

Could you not work out some arrangement by which the local branches of your Association were supplied with copies of this?

It compresses the findings of the Ashmore study, reviews the laws, and tells the things to do. It is best used by local white and Negro discussion groups -- preferably women.

We have sold it in great proportions to long strings of organizations which are using it in that way. It can be had in quantity at 16¢ apiece.

Do ponder and see.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Answers for Action sent under separate cover.

December 2, 1954

Mr. Hugh A. Brimm
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brimm:

Thank you for your invitation to meet with Kentucky Council on Human Relations and with the consultants who will be working with you in the developing program. I will be happy to come.

I will get to Louisville on the morning of the 11th and will be available throughout the day. Mr. Routh is presently in the field and it is not possible now to know whether his schedule will permit his attendance.

With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

CC: CHP
FBR

December 2, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I thought pretty carefully about your letter of November 30th. It seems to me in light of the actual circumstances to be unsou and based upon a misunderstanding of the even

I am satisfied that when there can be opportunity for the two of us to sit down and go over the whole matter we can reach agreeme

Meanwhile, if you will agree, I will withhold my detailed reply until there is opportunity for us to talk the matter through

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Rufus E. Clement

December 2, 1954

Miss Caroline Traynham
2413 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Miss Traynham:

'Way last Spring when I was at Chapel Hill, you let me know you were available to do mountainy things.

Never got hold of you, but this issue of our maggie results from the gener idea.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 2, 1954

Mr. Bill Lafquist
17 D'Arcy Lane
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Lafquist:

'Way last Spring when I was at Chapel Hill, you let me know you were available to do mountainy things.

Never got hold of you, but this issue of our maggie results from the gener idea.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 2, 1954

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
University of N.C.
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Guy:

I was sorry that the sad event of Dr. Odum's death prevented your being with us at the annual meeting.

Among other things I had hoped to talk with you then about a possible New South article pegged on your projected volume on integration in higher education. I don't know what the status of that project is or what the publishing considerations would be, but I submit the idea hopefully.

Anna Holden has lately compiled an up-to-date list of integrated colleges and universities in the South, which we will run in an early issue. It would be perfect if we could accompany it with a summary article cannibalized from your forthcoming book. Any chance of getting permission from you and the UNC press to print the first chapter? If not, any chance of a modified version under your byline? I think either such arrangement would create interest in the book rather than diminish it.

Incidentally, beginning early in 1954, we are expanding and dressing up New South a bit -- a two-color cover and more pages -- thanks to a recent grant from the Field Foundation.

I know you're busy as sin and so will be doubly grateful for your reaction to this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

December 2, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Unknown to Fred, we had this mimeographed substitute for a long out-of-print edition of the Durham statement, so here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 2, 1954

The Librarian
Furman University
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

A Furman student wrote me the other day saying that he had seen a copy of our maggie, New South, and that he had a term paper to do on "Trends in Desegregation" and could I send him some free materials?

The Council isn't rich enough to have free materials. So, I was about to write him that indubitably he would find a full file of the issues of New South in your nice library, when it occured to me to ask someone to look up and see if the library at Furman subscribed!

As the result was negative, I send you two or three back issues and express the hope that you will want to take it in. It is pretty good reference material for kids with term papers to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
New South sent under separate cover this date.

P. S. For people in Greenville who know about us, I could suggest Dick Foster, who is our state chairman, or Harold Weekly.

December 2, 1954

Mr. Clarence Mitchell
Washington Bureau
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
100 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Here's the clipping I called about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

From: The Atlanta Journal
Page 18
Wednesday, December 1, 1954

Selma, Ala. Dec. 1 (UP) -- "Citizens Councils," an organization in Mississippi proposing to battle racial integration with economic pressure, has spread into Alabama.

A crowd of more than 1,000 white men met for the first mass meeting of the Alabama movement and contributed $1,800.

Alston Keith, Selma attorney and chairman of the Dallas County White Citizens Council, told an overflow crowd in the school auditorium that the purpose of the group is "to make it difficult, if not impossible, for any Negro who advocates desegregation to find and hold a job, get credit or renew a mortgage."

Keith said the Alabama councils already are located in three counties.

Word that the councils had moved into Alabama brought a protest from Mobile attorney Vincent Kilborn who wired the president of the state bar association to "take the lead in crushing" such movements.

Mississippi State Sen. T. M. Williams of Lexington, Miss., criticized Methodist leaders for recent statements favoring desegragation and said, "the time has come when citizens should sacrifice something for their country." State Rep. J. S. Williams of Macon, Miss., said the councils do not advocate violence. He said desegregation would "ruin the economic system of the South.

Another Mississippi speaker was the Rev. M. H. Clark, who said he "came here, not as a minister, but as a private citizen to instill in you a sense of rightness for your cause."

TRUE COPY
December 2, 1954

December 2, 1954

AIR MAIL

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

We have just discovered that the regular appropriation of $1,000 from the Home Division wasn't included in its budget this year. You know how much we need that money. I am wondering if you could talk to Dr. Brown or anyone else close to the Treasurer, and see if they can't find that thousand dollars somewhere in that fund that it may come through again in the 1954 budget. We would certainly appreciate anything you can do.

This letter is written in haste, and I will write you a longer letter tomorrow about some other matters.

I am so glad you are in the New York office because you understand the problems of the South and what the Southern Regional Council is trying to do. I hope that day by day you are getting stronger.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET/eab
Dictated by Mrs. Tilly/signed in her absence

December 2, 1954

Miss Gwendolen M. Smith
Department of Government
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Smith:

Pleasant to talk with you at the Parkers' Party t'other night, here in Atlanta.

I promised you some SRC publications on matters Southern. There wasn't opportunity to get them to you in person, so I send them along separately.

I wish I could have heard a good long a account from you of South Africa.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 2, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFF, CENTRAL OFFICE

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

During my absence December 3-10, 1954, Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Assistant Director, is requested to serve as Acting Executive Director.

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December 2, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: F. Woods Beckman
Miss Elsie Lewis

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

We received a letter today from Mrs. Matthew Walker, 208 McMillan Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, suggesting that Mrs. Dolores Crump (Mrs. E. Perry Crump), no address given, be approached.

Mrs. Walker writes as follows: "I feel she would be a valued member of our group and would appreciate your asking her to join us at the next scheduled meeting." She adds: "it is possible her name has been included in the list already submitted."

Since we have not received a list of the Tennessee Board and it is no doubt in process of formation, we forward this information to you. You, of course, will be inviting the people to participate in the Tennessee group.

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cc:GTH
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December 2, 1954

Mr. William M. Cox
Route #2
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cox:

The Council has never been rich enough to supply its publications for scot free, but we try to be helpful. I can send you two or three back numbers, and do.

I have also written to your library at Furman and told them that they ought to subscribe to New South.

I think you would find that a lawyer named Richard Foster, with offices in the Curb Market Building, would have a complete file of the back issues of New South. He is chairman of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council.

Ordinarily, what we do with somebody who needs dope, and who sends no ten cents', is send him a publications list. But they told me that the publications list is in the process of re-mimeographing and none can be had.

I suggest that you would find suitable heads of your paper to be in the fields of employment, professional associations, municipal services, recreation, governmental participation, and education -- higher and less high.

Best luck. Hope you get an "A".

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
New Souths sent under separate cover.

December 3, 1954

Mr. Carter Wesley
The Informer
2418 Leland
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

No excuse for waiting until December to answer your letter of September 10th which reminded us that Tom Friedman might be available for some research job. I have remembered it and have brought his name up several times in connection with Texas matters. Our people in Houston remain his warm admirers, but so far no way has opened to bring him in.

I think you got a good man in Tom Sutherland. I hope you like him and will help him.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee comes in February. We will let you know the exact date well ahead. I hope you can come. I find various members eager to become acquainted with this concealed Vice-President.

I will be in your state all next week at Mineral Wells where the A.F. of L. is having a Southwestern Labor Institute.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 3, 1954

Miss Mary E. Henry
Head
Bureau of Correspondence
Instruction, Box 1050
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Henry:

Dr. Mitchell is away from the office and will not return until Monday, December 13th. I am sending you, separately, six copies of the Durham Conference statement as requested in your letter of December 2nd. There will be no charge for these copies.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 3, 1954

Mr. H. G. Dyer
J. H. Berry Realty Company
2910 Twenty-Seventh Street
North Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dyer:

I had a good time and am grateful to you and your friends for the opportunity to have that evening in Birmingham. Everyone was most kind to my guests -- who rather piled up.

Nice to have the link with the Egans ACIPCO.

If you come to Atlanta, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Copy to: Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mr. Fred B. Routh

Mrs. Hamilton

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December 3, 1954

Mr. J. K. Haynes
Louisiana Education Association
Box 81
Ruston, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Thank you for your encouraging letter of December 1st to Dr. Mitchell. He is presently out of the city.

We look forward to receiving the report of the resolutions passed by the Louisiana Education Association at their Fifty-Third Annual Convention. We are happy to know about the committee whose responsibility is developing plans for a community level approach to the questions involved in implementing the Supreme Court's decision. We believe that this is one of the essential processes to achieve satisfactory adjustment.

You and the co-chairman of the committee will want to know that the Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council is now functioning with the services of an executive secretary -- Mr. Milton C. Vigo. The office of the Division is located at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans. The chairman of the Louisiana Division is Mr. Albert D'Orlando, First Unitarian Church, New Orleans.

I am sure that Dr. Mitchell would be glad to serve with the committee as a consultant.

You may also wish to know that Dr. C. H. Parrish of the University of Louisville is serving the Southern Regional Council as a part-time consultant. His experience as a Negro faculty member during the process of integration of Louisville Municipal College with the University of Louisville is relevant to the situations which will be faced in many communities in the months ahead.

Answers for Action: Schools in the South is available for distribution at a quantity cost of $15.00 a hundred. Single copies are 20¢ each. We are happy to know that you are among the many groups that are finding it useful. If you can find ways to encourage its wider use, it will help in the good cause.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for Program

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LOUISIANA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Box 81

Ruston, Louisiana

December 1, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The 53rd Annual Convention of the Louisiana Education Association convened in the City of New Orleans, November 21 - 24. Many regarded it as one of our most fruitful sessions in the long history of the organization. Our theme: Education for Effective Living in a Changing World was most challenging to the group.

At a later date I shall send you copies of our resolutions and the like. One of our panel discussions gave consideration to Education for Effective Living on the Community Level. A subsequent resolution was passed calling upon the LEA to fully explore the community level approach in implementing the historic May 17th decree. Dr. E. W. Rand, Southern University Branch P. O., Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Dr. Kara V. Jackson, Grambling College, Grambling, Louisiana are serving as co-chairman of the committee responsible for working out our plans in this direction.

Knowing your interest in this kind of program, I am asking that you will give us the benefit of your thinking in this connection. Any suggestions or help that you may pass on to us regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated. Likewise,we will appreciate having you serve as a consultant on this important committee.

Your latest publication, Answers For Action represents a great piece of work. Advise me if copies may be had for distribution.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

J. K. Haynes, President
And Field Secretary

December 3, 1954

Mr. Herbert Greenberg
712 Crown Street
Brooklyn 13, New York

Dear Mr. Greenberg:

I haven't forgotten all about your letter of September 4th, with its most appealing descriptions of your training.

What we are doing is getting going in each of a dozen Southern states what we hope can be independent self-sustaining agencies. The South being what it is, each state has shown a strong preference for picking its (usually one man) professional staff from among people who can adduce the protective coloration of life-long local residence.

We ought to have in this central office a goodish staff of people who would advise us policy-wise and go out on short-run jobs in this or that state. Unfortunately, that is just the kind of money we didn't get much of. And so we are having to get the states going with too little help from here.

If you haven't found what you want yet, and if I could do you any good in an interview, it happens that I will be in New York at the Abbey Hotel, 149 West Fifty-First Street, from December 15th through the 17th. If you want to give me a ring, that ought to be done early so that we can get together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 3, 1954

Dr. Earl R. Brown
Division of National Missions
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

For many years the Division has most generously given a thousand dollars to the Southern Regional Council. It came in quarterly payments from the treasurer's office in Philadelphia. You and Mr. Love and various others who know the Council, kept an attentive eye, I daresay, to our item in the budget.

The last payment for this fiscal year, 1953-54, duly came along, and we, too much in the habit of the Division's kindness, took for granted that we would be again in the budget for the coming year. But behold! We aren't.

May I, therefore, now make formal request that the Council's need be considered for your fiscal year, 1955-56? These are most critical days in all that we do in the South. You know, I am sure, how rare and how necessary are truthfulness, temperateness, accuracy, and mediation at this stage. And these are the things for which the Council stands.

Perfectly true that a good large grant has come to us from the Fund for the Republic, and that we are using it to put paid professional staff into our race relations agencies in twelve or thirteen Southern states. But the Fund for the Republic money has to be heavily supplemented not only to carry forward the program, but in order to obtain the covenanted further sums. What the Methodist Church has helped the Council with has been backbone money, although it is less by a good deal than what we put quite directly into our link with the church women over the South through Mrs. Tilly.

You are aware as we are that the things we work at can only be done in the South if they deserve and obtain the help of the churches. And as our last audit, a copy of which I enclose, will show, the Methodist, though they do the most, are not alone in direct church aid to the Council.

'Tis a considerable matter, I know, but I ask that you explore about a bit and see whether some sum could be found which would reach us before the new fiscal year begins. But, in any case, what we principally ask is that the Council's need should be fully considered as next year's budgets are made up.

With deep appreciation for all these years of steady strength from the Division,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

December 3, 1954

Bishop Edgar Love
1206 Etting Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Bishop Love:

To our consternation we have found that the usual $1000 appropriation by the Home Division was not made this year. We suppose it is because you were not present when the appropriations were made. Is there anything that you can do now? You know without my telling you the school situation in the South is requiring a larger staff for us and certainly more travel. It is really serious that the church has let us down at this crucial period. We would appreciate anything you could do.

I have had a letter in my heart to write you ever since you were made Bishop to express to you my deep satisfaction that you, with your wisdom and understanding, have been placed in a position of great leadership in our church.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
Women's Work

MET/rnf
airmail

December 3, 1954

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont
Jackson 41, Miss.

Dear Bess:

Since the union of the churches, there has been $1000 appropriated from the Home Section, now called National Missions. The check did not come quarterly this year as it has in the past. We began to investigate why and found that for some reason this appropriation was not made this year. We're sorely distressed about this, not only because we need ~~the money~~ to raise the amount required to meet the conditions of our Ford appropriation, but we're more concerned that the church has let us down at the time when the South is in its present social revolution. I wonder if there is anything which can be done at this time to restore it for this year.

We know you're our friend at court and if anything can be done we know you'll do your best.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET/rnf
Air Mail

December 3, 1954

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Larry:

I am sorry you have to write to me twice about the materials on the Equal Penalties Project. They all rest at Chapel Hill where the man Barth is supposed to be polishing up his final draft of the analysis. I have written him to hasten it on. When he is finished I will send the whole matter up to you.

You and I have both suffered from the leisurely pace of academic personages. But when I can get it you may be assured that I will take advantage of your willingness to go through it further and see what it means.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 3, 1954

Mr. C. L. Harper
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Harper:

I am extremely sorry that a trip planned many months ago takes me to Texas December 3-11. So I can't be here for the annual conference of the Georgia NAACP branches.

I am truly sorry because I would like to be present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - 5 tickets to NAACP banquet

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 3, 1954

Mrs. R.O. Johnson
c/o College Park School
532 Ross St.
College Park, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

If you are through with the materials on school integration mailed to you on November 2 (see enclosure), we need several of the items for use in the office.

Thank you for returning the materials promptly.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Reseach Assistant

December 3, 1954

Reverend Carl R. Pritchett, D.D.
First Presbyterian Church
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Pritchett:

Thank you for your letter of December 2nd. Dr. Mitchell is away from the office and will not return until December 13th.

Reservations have been made for Dr. Mitchell on Eastern Air Lines plane leaving Charlotte at 4:30 a.m., arriving in New York at 8:45 a.m. I will call the bus schedules to his attention as soon as he returns to the office. I am sure he will be pleased to learn that he will have opportunity for a nap during the afternoon of the 14th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 3, 1954

Mrs. Chris Crittenden
1537 Casswell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Janet:

We have a newly employed guy for the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. Works in Charlotte. His name is Harry Jones. Office address there is 121 East Third Street, Room 209, telephone FRanklin 6-6833. Home Address: Yorkmount Road, Route 3, telephone EDison 3-9155.

I wrote him and told him that this outfit which is preparing for putting them together was going in Raleigh, and asked him to hock on to them if he could. Told him you knew about them.

Eleven thousand thanks for taking care of Charlotte. She had a mighty happy time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 3, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Friends of mine in Raleigh wrote me a couple of weeks ago that a group called "The Raleigh Council for Preparation for Integration," has been meeting for some time. Mostly students and clergymen. They are said to be without much steering, and would welcome a link with you.

Suggest on some early trip to Raleigh that you hunt them up. My contact is Mrs. Janet Crittenden, 1537 Caswell Street, Raleigh.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 3, 1954

Mrs. Helen Fritz
Maglegaards Alle 83
Søborg
Kobenhavn
Denmark

Dear Helen:

All praise to the family for being four.

We have got about eight of the states organized and should have the rest organized by January. Schools don't seem to crack just of themselves, but we keep prying at the week spots.

Come on back to this side of the world and come to see us. Since my children have gotten big enough for college, we have four empty rooms at home and can spread out the whole Fritz family.

And never a fire do I light without thanking you for the fire screen.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

bc to: Father Maurice V. Shean ✓
Mr. Paul Williams ✓

December 6, 1954

Dictated December 3

Mrs. Ellen O'Gorman Duffy
Director
Commission on Community Organizations
National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. O'Gorman:

Once, years ago, when I was trying to get a farm co-op on its feet in North Carolina, one of the farmers took me behind his barn and said "Mitchell, my daddy was a blacksmith and he taught me that nothing would weld on the first heat. Hot it up one time and cool it off; hot it up the second time, hammer it together, and it will stick."

Years ago, you and the NCCJ most kindly found $500 which was supposed to further a self-survey in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Rock Hill didn't make the survey but you let us use the $500 survey-wise in other places.

You will be happy to know that a second heat came along last Spring. And Rock Hill established an official city committee called The Rock Hill Council on Human Relations. White and Negro. All faiths. Has already done quite a lot in the city, and has plans for a good deal more. I really think that while they, perhaps, won't make a survey, they will do directly many of the things which a survey would merely have pointed to the need for.

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O., The Oratory, Rock Hill, has prepared a confidential description of the formation of the Rock Hill Council on Human Relations. As it has everybody's names in it, he may quite well be chary of giving it more than the most circumscribed distribution.

But I write to say that the second heat has gone well, and in this longer run a good deal more than $500 worth of good has already appeared.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 6, 1954

Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

The report was just grand and I read every word of it with deepest interest.

How satisfying it is that you and the others work at this matter exactly where it counts, and so well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 6, 1954

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MEMORANDUM ON ARKANSAS MEETING

Little Rock, Arkansas
November 30-December 3, 1954

The organizational meetings in Arkansas took place on November 30th and December 2nd. Both meetings took place at the Dunbar Community Center -- a modern, well-equipped brick structure -- in the Negro community. The November 30th meeting was a planning meeting for the organizational meeting of December 2nd. There were 17 people present at the first meeting and 35-40 at the second meeting.

The Arkansas group is a thoughtful, cosmopolitan organization evidencing considerable understanding in this field and considerable competency in organizational matters.

At the December 2nd meeting the group adopted the proposed constitution, a copy of which is being sent to the central office for approval. They elected a Board of Directors leaving space for further membership to represent broader areas of the state. The President of the organization is Fred Darragh, a manufacturer and half-owner of the Darragh Company, maker of Darco Products. Mr. Darragh is deeply interested in the field of race relations and is fully committed to a democratic society. He displays no evidences of paternalism in his attitude or working with Negroes. The Vice-President of the organization is the Reverend Charles Walker, a Negro minister of the Congregational Church in Little Rock. Mr. Walker is originally from Connecticutt but is well rooted and accepted in Arkansas. He is a thoughtful person who works for a fully democratic society without apologizing for his attitude. Mrs. E.B. Dawson -- Negro lady -- with the Juvenile Court was elected secretary and the Reverend C.S. Cartwright -- white -- minister of the Disciples of Christ Church was elected treasurer. The Executive Director of the Urban League, Mr. Perry A. Taylor -- formerly from Tampa, Florida -- was elected to the Board and an attorney from the NAACP was also elected to the Board.

It is my estimation that the newly constituted Board of Directors of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations is one of the most forward looking, professionally competent, widely representative and straight thinking groups that we have in any state.

Minutes of the meetings are being forwarded to the central office and will be filed with this report on receipt.

Further note -- a considerable strength in the Arkansas Council is Harry Ashmore, editor of the Arkansas Gazette. Another matter of interest is the close relationship that Fred Darragh, Harry Ashmore and Edwin Dunaway have with Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller who lives close by and has given rather heavily to charitable and progressive causes in this state and is amenable to the purposes of this organization.

Considerable gratitude is due Mrs. J. Bates, Methodist religious educational worker, for virtually carrying on the burden of organization over the past few years.

Frederick B. Routh

FBR/rnf
cc: FBR
GTH
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Central File

December 6, 1954
(Dictated November 2[illegible])

GSM, by request, interviewed in Birmingham, Alabama, November 26th, the Reverend Mr. Dickson of Union, Mississippi whom Rabbi Mantinband said was being considered for professional employment in Mississippi.

The man draws $4800 at present plus a house provided. Would need to find some provision that would conpensate for loss of the house provided.

I said that it seemed of special importance in Mississippi for the professional personnel to be dual and co-equal, but that actual salary ranges were within the competence of the state organizations.

Dickson had not then been hired, and,so far as I know, has not since been.

He was merely exploring what SRC was. Says he has been at five churches in a row and has had to raise building funds for each.

Able young fellow. Devoted to good causes. Probably a good deal better than you would expect to do in Mississippi.

GSM

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cc: FBR
HCF
GTH

December 6, 1954
(Dictated November 29)

Routh and Mitchell, being in Virginia about November 16th, conferred with Emerson Smith and a clerical person Emerson Smith had brought in for conversations on the future of the relationship between SRC and the Division of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches.

Reached tentative agreement that the best thing to do would be for SRC to compile, with Emerson's assistance, a list of some thirty-odd Virginians who might organize a Virginia Council on Human Relations. They would proceed Kentucky fashion using the leadership from a variety of organizations, though they would not be officially representing those organizations. This body will employ professional staff with the aid of SRC.

We further agreed that the Virginia organization would not seek a mass membership. This was a device offered to avoid undue competitiveness with the Virginia Council of Churches in fund-raising.

Emerson Smith was to supply a proposed list and I, Mitchell, subsequently requested Rupert Picott in Richmond to do the same. First meeting of the tentative Virginia Council would be early in January.

It was agreed that Smith could cooperate with the new organization, but his chief vetoed any arrangement which would assign Smith's services to the new organization in a pay status from the new organization.

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cc: FBR
HCF
GTH

December 7, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Johnson
Asst. Managing Editor - JET
1820 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob Johnson:

It was surely thoughtful of you send me the advance copy of the December 9th issue of JET. Lenore Bennett's story is surely done with real sensitivity and insight. The photographs are good and the whole story, I think, will contribute to people's understanding of what they see when they visit Atlanta.

You will note that I am on leave from the Atlanta Urban League and am working with the Southern Regional Council for a period. We have many foreign visitors and we will want to use this issue of JET with its story on Atlanta as we interpret the South and Atlanta to these visitors from afar.

Please give my best wishes to Lenore Bennett and do come to see us when either of you are in Atlanta. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

December 7, 1954

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Ex. Sec.
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

It was a considerable pleasure to see you again while I was in Texas. I think you are doing a remarkable job with your board. Those are all good people and certainly are well-meaning. They do have, however, a paternalistic -- or perhaps I should say in this case a maternalistic -- interest and feeling about the organization. One of the cheif jobs you're going to have, as I see it, is professionally interpreting to the board the work that must be done, and also strengthening the board with new representation across the state. I recognize that this cannot be done overnight and that you cannot have any wholesale change of board personnel, but certainly one of your objectives should be the strengthening of that policy making group.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to visit your home. I particularly appreciated the ride on "Lady." She is a great old mare and certainly a gentlewoman of old Texas stock. The opportunity of getting to know your family was a real pleasure for me. You have a very lovely and charming wife and seven of the nicest daughters I have met. I'm still crazy about the old stone house. Someday when I make my million dollars and retire I shall negotiate to buy it from you.

The party that evening over at Glasvera's was a most interesting affair and I was particularly fond of Senora Ortega who gave me her address and telephone number in Mexico City on a standing invitation to visit. It was surely a co-incidence to meet Harold Fleming's in-laws, Paul and Rena, at the party. Harold tells me they are much interested in this field and perhaps they would be a useful resource for you. All of the people at that party were real folks who enjoyed themselves and each other and I much appreciated the opportunity of being with them. I am looking forward with anticipation to my next visit to Texas. Keep a saddle close by "Lady" for me and I will be glad to come out whenever you need me.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/rnf

December 7, 1954

Mr. Harry Ashmore, Editor
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

It surely was a pleasure to be out in Arkansas and meet with all you folks. I particularly appreciated getting to know you and Fred Darragh on a personal basis. The meetings at the Little Rock Club and the Press Club, plus the pleasant evening at your home, were among the highlights of this trip. I told Harold Fleming the story you requested me to regarding the Captain from Mississippi who is in charge of the Negro troops. This brought a loud guffaw.

Have you given any further consideration to accepting the vice-presidency of SRC? I recognize the legitimacy of your situation but we could use a person with your insight and foresight as a vice-president of this organization.

I look forward to seeing you either on my next trip to Arkansas, your next trip to Atlanta, or wherever we happen to be on a co-existence basis.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

December 7, 1954

Mrs. Barbara Finberg
Institute of International Education
One East Sixty-Seventh Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mrs. Finberg:

Warm thanks for sending Surjono. He arrived duly on the Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving and was introduced to the mysteries of turkey and cranberry sauce. Did very well on the turkey, but doesn't like sweet things and only nibbled the cranberry sauce.

I took him along on a drive to Birmingham on November 26th where there was a sizable interracial gathering. We stopped in the neighborhood of Tallapoosa, Georgia, and speared about for a farm home to drop in on. Found a vigorous Negro farm wife who with her husband owned thirty-four acres outright. Outspoken in her views. I think that was a most instructive little visit for him.

I put him through my own indoctrinations and arranged for him to see Ralph McGill, to talk to Mr. Coleman at the Atlanta Urban League, to a sociology professor named Hylan Lewis at Atlanta University, and to another fellow at Atlanta University, an Indian himself, Vishnu Gokahle.

Surjono is perky and self-acting. And he made his own somewhat startling contacts with taxi-drivers and conductors.

Surjono is a most courteous and gentlemanly man. Beautiful in his masterly of English. Considerateness itself as a guest. The ladyfolks in my family did but wonder how he reached the age of thirty all single.

I am sure you do good things in arranging trips for him and others. Surjone is critical and rightly so, but he has got a flair for the problems of an administrator and he sees that all changes cannot be made in a twinkling.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 7, 1954

Mr. Fred Darragh
Route 5, Box 339
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Fred:

It certainly was good to visit with you folks out in Little Rock and see the fine representative board that you have. I was greatly encouraged by the whole visit to the Arkansas area for I believe that you have there an organization that is capable of doing real things. Would you please forward to me at your convenience the minutes of the two meetings plus a list of who was in attendance -- who the board members elected are and who the officers are.

Personally it was a real pleasure to meet with you and to get to know you, and I enjoyed very much our get-togethers at the Little Rock Club and the Press Club. You were more than kind and I deeply appreciate the friendship and consideration shown.

I am looking forward to my next visit to Arkansas with considerable anticipation.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/rnf

P.S. Under separate cover I am sending you 25 copies of "Toward the South of the Future."

cc: FBR
GTH
CHD

December 7, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Being in the writing business myself, I believe people should act on their impulse to applaud well-turned language. Your "Letter to the Editor" of the Greenville News was a masterpiece of its kind.

And speaking of literary efforts, I enclose the masterful editorial from the Charleston Post. You have no doubt received more than one copy already, but there is always the off-chance. If you have another copy, you might return this one to us.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

From the Charleston, S.C. Post -- November 9, 1954 -- Editorial

SAINTSHIP HAS BEEN CONFERRED ON HIM

Judge J. Waties Waring could have asked for nothing higher in the way of honors than the apotheosis pronounced by Marion A. Wright, president of the Southern Regional Conference, Inc.

The deification took place here Saturday night when Judge Waring was guest of honor at a dinner tendered by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Wright likened the retired judge to St. Paul. Just as Paul had been miraculously converted, so in a blinding flash had Judge Waring seen the light. The road he traveled, however, was not the road to Damascus. It was a more tortuous route, with a different destination. His goal was not the saintship bestowed upon him Saturday night. That can be put down as a bonus.

Mr. Wright depicted Judge Waring as one who, in a conversion as explosive as an atom bomb, cut himself loose from all the ties which had shaped his career for many years. From this rebirth came his ruling in the white Democratic party case, and his opinion in the Clarendon county school segregation case.

That is a pretty picture, although it is not the one that would be painted by artists closer to the scene and with a knowledge of the actual facts behind the transformation of Judge Waring from an ordinary mortal into a second St. Paul.

We would not like to diminish by so much as one vowel the exaltedness conferred by Mr. Wright on the NAACP's new patron saint. Still, we feel it in order to correct one minor impression which this latter-day gospel might give to the uninitiated.

Judge Waring did not sever ALL ties with the past. There is one sentimental attachment to which he clings. It is the one remaining link which connects him with the former white Democratic party.

For several decades the judge had been a stalwart of stalwarts as a member of that party. His devotion to it paid good dividends, in the shape of juicy political plums. He was at one time on Uncle Sam's payroll as an assistant district attorney. Later he was the city of Charleston's corporation counsel. But the jackpot was hit with his appointment to the federal bench, thanks to his party zeal and loyalty. It brought him a fat salary for life -- $15,000 annually.

Judge Waring's miraculous conversion did not come until after he was securely seated in his new post. Up to the moment of that flash of light there had been nothing wrong with the white Democratic party. He was fortunate that the miracle did not occur earlier, before his social security was established.

The judge is still getting his yearly pension pay, the same amount as the salary. He may have renounced all other associations here, but he clings with fidelity to the income which the white Democratic party put in his reach. It may be a matter of mere sentiment, of course, but it is a tie with the past, just as when one holds on to a piece of ribbon, a lock of hair, a picture postcard, or a snapshot which evokes tender memories and is cherished even though its intrinsic value be nil.

December 7, 1954

Mr. Robt. E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

From Birmingham Examiner 11/29/54 See A.H.

Thanks for your letter and the interesting clipping. We have been hearing, of course, about the spread of the "Citizens Councils" and will be eager to learn whatever you find out about them. That is a movement about which all of us will have to be concerned in the most serious way.

I am glad that you are making a trip to Tuscaloosa to ferret out the details of that incident. It is quite within New South's policy to run occasional accounts of local indicents that illustrate some significant lapse or achievement of democracy. Enclosed as examples are two past issues. So if the Tuscaloosa matter turns out to be suitable, we would like to consider it.

We are eager to get clippings and other materials not only for possible treatment in New South, but also for our information files which are used in a variety of ways. Anything you send us will be much appreciated.

I hear you have a new secretary. Cheers!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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New South, 7/49, The Irwinton Story
New South, 8/49, Mobile Violence

December 7, 1954

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant
Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

"Integration in the Armed Services" →
Jan. 1, 1955
See A.H.

Many thanks for the revised and up-dated copies of the Integration Report. Unfortunately the New South version was already in print; you have perhaps received copies of it by now. Certainly the promotion of General Davis would have warranted prominent mention. In any case, we are glad to have the revised Report for our information and use.

I hope you will find the New South version as useful as we expect to find it.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

December 7, 1954

TO: GSM

Kay Carpenter, National Board YWCA called today to ask whether you could talk on Monday, December 13th, to the National Board staff in Southern Regional Office, third floor, 63 Auburn Avenue. They would like a short version of the map speech.

I told Kay you would not be in town until Saturday, and suggested that Mary Jane Willet call you then to confirm the date and your willingness to do the speech. She will call you at home Saturday.

KS

December 7, 1954

Mr. John Quincy Schisler
P. O. Box 871
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Schisler:

I am meeting Mrs. E. U. Robinson at The Hermitage Friday at 10:00 a.m. I have been to Mississippi and would like to come by and make a report to you of the trip. I will call you when I reach Nashville.

Please let Miss Teague know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET/eab

December 7, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Staff
FROM: HCF

We were visited Friday, December 3rd, by two representatives of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

They were George Hauser, National Projects Secretary, and Claude Nelson, Jr., who lives at Koinonia Farm, Route 2, Americus, Georgia. Nelson is a part-time representative of FOR in this area.

They called merely to get background on what we are doing and what kind of action generally seems useful in the South. Little evidence that FOR is planning any activity of any significance, though the possibility is dimly in prospect. Nelson is only giving a few days a month to FOR, and most of that I suspect will be on matters other than human relations.

Anyhow, they said they would be in touch, etc.

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December 9, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I should ere this have sent you a list of the new state personnel with their office address, etc.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 9, 1954

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

We've never had a workable device for getting approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

The meeting of the Executive Committee on November 23rd asked that you and Mr. Barbare and Mr. Gomillion be a committee to review the minutes and make corrections or give approval, pending final approval by the 1955 Board meeting.

We are holding the stencils of this draft. If you will be good enough to correct or approve we will get the minutes out to the Board membership in general.

Extra service you will be doing, but an appreciated one.

Return envelope attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

December 9, 1954

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 9, 1954

Dr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

December 10, 1954

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I am sure that Dr. Mitchell, who is out of the city, will appreciate the copy of the Hot Springs statement and the list of signers.

As it happens we had already come across the full text of the statement, admired it greatly, and carried it in full in the November issue of New South.

I enclose a copy of this issue and will be glad to send more if they would be of use to you.

Congratulations on this fine statesmanlike pronouncement, which should do much to stimulate a constructive approach to school integration.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Encl.

Sent to:

M. Wright
R. Clement
D. Whitsett
R. Hughes
F. Darragh
D. Dunlap
G. Clary
G. Wells
H. Brimm
A. D'Orlando
M. Vigo
C. Mantinband
L. Russell
H. Jones
R. Foster
E. Spearman
F. Beckman
J. Crate
T. Sutherland
C. Smith
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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Confidential Information December 10, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairmen of State Organizations
Executive Secretaries of State Organizations

FROM: Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director of State Organizations

It has been reported to us that a group called "The Grass Roots League," headquarters in Charleston, S.C., has recently published a so-called Research Bulletin Number Two called "Help Save America." This document is anti-Supreme Court decision, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic; it contains the smear about SRC's Board having thirty-eight members with Communistic affiliations. This is based upon the canard in Roy Harris' Augusta Courier. The "Help Save America" sheet is reprinted in the Mississippi area at the personal expense of Ellett Lawrence of Greenwood, Mississippi. The same charge has been reiterated in letters to the editor of South Carolina papers by Stanley F. Morse of Charleston.

If you have any information regarding the circulation of either this pamphlet or comparable ones, or of similar charges being made in letters to the editor, please advise Harold Fleming, Assistant Director for Information -- Central Office -- immediately.

RNF

December 13, 1954

Mr. Arthur A. Elder
International Ladies' Garment
Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Art:

I made no engagements for the 16th or the 17th, though I hope to slip around and see various people in odd times of those days.

So you pick either part of either day, being a part not otherwise committed to your school, and I will be available for any group you want to bring together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Mr. A. K. Upton
Sweetwater,
Tennessee

Dear Mr. Upton:

How very kind of you to write.

We think that Appalachia will show the rest of the South how to make first headway with a complicated task.

Mighty kind of you to give the time to Menefee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Mr. Leo Perlis
National CIO Community Services Committee
1776 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Perlis:

I am mighty sorry that I cannot get all the way up to New York for the meeting Monday, December 20. Wish I could.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

I am going to stop in Washington for several hours in the mid-part of Saturday, December 18th. Maggie Garrity of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems is managing my time. Seems to be a matter of Arlington County.

If she will fit in any time when you and I can be together about matters in Montgomery County, I am delighted.

Do hope the convention came out to your satisfaction and that you can order some more Answers for Action.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

AIR MAIL

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial
   Problems.
1312 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Maggie:

Delighted if Lee Nichols will be good enough to meet me at the airport on Saturday, December 18th. Tell him what I look like!

I will be on the plane which leaves New York at 8:45 and is due at your airport in Washington at 10:04 a.m. I will try to have the dope for him on the churches.

Your program sounds wise, useful, and pleasant.

See you in New York.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

Mighty nice of you to write to Fred Darragh. I am just back in the office and don't know what they have got going, but I am sure it will be good if Darragh is the head of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Very nice to get back in the office and find your kind letter of December 8th with the text of the Hot Springs statement. As Harold Fleming wrote you, we praised its every word and made haste to carry the whole statement in New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Reverend Charles C. Walker
First Congregational Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Reverend Walker:

Most kind of you to write.

I am just back in and haven't heard all the things you've got going in Arkansas, but I am most anxious to learn the whole story.

It will take years of hard pushing to do the things we want to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Mrs. Tilly says she could be in New York at any time between January 1st and 7th or after January 15th.

Mrs. Tilly would be much pleased to have dinner with Mrs. Whitney and to talk with her about the situation in the South.

It is so clear to us all that the churches have a major part of the work to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Tilly

December 13, 1954

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

The longer I do this job the gladder I am that I had those years of close working together with you. I think I stack nearly every question up against what I can remember of what you told me. So much the more a joy your letter of December 9th.

I didn't say it in my earlier letter, but the Field Foundation has also come through with a three-year grant totaling $15,000 for New South. Seven thousand dollars the first year, and then dwindling. With that and the Doris Duke grant together we are in good shape for 1955 and should put out a really swell publication.

The Doris Duke people sternly warn that they are only good for a year at a time, but there is an informal understanding that if we do all right they will consider us gently for a second year anyway.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Father J. B. Gremillion
216 Patton Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Father Gremillion:

That was as kind of you as could be to give us the pleasure of the luncheon week before last when I was in Shreveport. I enjoyed the food and still more the company.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Miss Anona Jenkins
Librarian
Carnegie Public Library
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Dear Miss Jenkins:

My wife and I had a joint arrangement on my writing the letters and she sending out the books. Some of the books did not get sent. But yours now has gone. We are both glad that a copy of it is to be in Coahoma County.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Dr. W. T. Sanger
Medical College of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Sanger:

I am mighty sorry that we had a mixup in getting certain of the books mailed out and yours in the shuffle didn't go. But now yours has gone.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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HCF
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FBR

Please look through this for suitable corrections and let me know the changes you think should be made.

I observe already that Guy Wells' name is not on the list under Georgia.

Encl: List of key people in Southern and Border-state communities sent in by Frank Loescher.

December 13, 1954

Dr. Will W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Route 3
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Will:

I hope there will be some early chance when I can stop at your door and we can sit in front of the fire and discuss the pleasant things opened up by your note on father's book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Reverend Dan C. Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Dan:

I am perfectly available for February 15th and will be glad to come if when you shape the program you decide you want me.

I am no stickler for exactly how people are gotten together; do it in the way that seems wisest in Sylacauga. And if there is time to do one there and one somewhere else, I am your man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

A couple of weeks ago we had a note in from Ethel Troy, 114 South Mendenhall Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. She said that the Greensboro Interracial Committee is growing and needed help. I daresay you have already met her and given the help desired. But if not, do be in touch with her next time you can be in Greensboro.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Miss Ethel Troy
The Old Home
114 South Mendenhall Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Miss Troy:

I am sorry that we had a minor accident or two with your letter and I am thus quite late in answering it. Meanwhile, some evidence came it that the Greensboro Interracial Committee was having a meeting and needed to get in touch with the executive secretary of North Carolina. We got his name and address to them. Harry S. Jones is the new man employed by the North Carolina Division of SRC which is about to change its name to the something else. His address is 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte, North Carolina.

I do greatly hope that the group in Greensboro will work along closely with him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 13, 1954

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

I am only back today from all the wandering around. Pleasant enough journey to Mineral Wells. Great barn of a hotel there with forty-eight A. F. of L. guys to be instructed for a week. Such schools end with a chance for the taught to get back at the teacher. All anonymous slips. One man, by way of evaluation of what I spread on him in the way of civil rights said "subject was distasteful, but man taught the truth, so I reckon it is all right." Safely home.

You and all the staff at Friendship House and your wide circle of friends were as kind to me as could be, and I greatly enjoyed the whole stop. So nice to find firm purpose!

Never be discouraged. The friendships that we know today will be everyone's habit tomorrow. And the day will come the quicker for what Friendship House does in Shreveport. I suppose I see in this office fifteen or twenty admirable young women a year who would dearly like to do what you do and can't find a way to do it. So rejoice that a coveted opportunity is yours.

Do make a friend of Mr. Vigo. And if this office over here can ever help you in any way, we want to.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - ltr to Mr. and Mrs. Daniels
to be forwarded.

December 13, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grace T. Hamilton
FROM: Harold C. Fleming

RE: Editorial Assistant

Here is a stab at a job description of the proposed Editorial Assistant:

I. Background. It is anticipated that the expanded information program will include the following editorial functions:

A. Writing, editing, and production work for New South in its new format;

B. As program needs require, special publications -- handbooks, roundups, and other program materials;

C. Preparing, designing, and producing promotion literature for New South, other publications, for SRC generally, and advisory editorial assistance to state organizations;

D. Press releases on organizational and program activities of SRC and, when requested, assistance to state groups;

E. Special services to the press and other media of an informational nature.

II. The Editorial Assistant should, above all, be able to write simply and well. Experience with newspapers and other publications would obviously be good background.

III. The Editorial Assistant should have experience in, or aptitude for, design and layout of printed material.

IV. The Editorial Assistant should have some background, formal or informal, in human relations and the Southern attitudes which condition human relations in the South.

V. The Editorial Assistant should be proficient in drawing together raw material from SRC files, from libraries, and through interviews, and briefing such materials for our information and publication purposes. This is, more than anything, a general aptitude for dealing with ideas and grasping the internal organization of written matter, particularly lengthy, academic, and "heavy" material that obscures some bright kernels.

VI. The Editorial Assistant must be able to deal pleasantly and effectively with newspapermen and individuals of various attitudes who may be sources of information at the community or state level.

VII. Finally, and most intangibly, is the personal quality of empathy -- the ability to identify with people differently situated. This ill-defined trait, I conceive of as the key to effective semantics in all our written materials. A person who has this kind of sensitivity will intuitively avoid the word or expression that needlessly jars on the sensibilities of either the persuaded or the unpersuaded. Likewise, he should be able to define and interpret events and situations in terms that will help insecure and prejudiced people take a more constructive position in our field of interest.

I hope this helps to define the undefinable. I persist in the faith that when and if such a person appears his or her halo will shine so brightly that recognition will be immediate.

rnf

December 13, 1954

Mr. John J. Scanlon
Fund for the Advancement
of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for the generous gift of Schools in Transition.

I will look forward to hearing from you what comes of your sound idea that Pete McKnight might incorporate the Ashmore file into his materials library. Pete and I have been planning for some time to get together for a real workout. Maybe this will provide the occasion.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

December 13, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazzette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

Although I was delighted by the Board's action electing you Vice-President, I decided not to add my personal pressure to all the rest in urging you to accept. I think you know how much I would have liked the arrangement.

My regret that you didn't accept is greatly tempered by my pleasure at the news of your election to the board of the Fund for the Republic. The only people who have any right to be gladder than we ~~are~~ are the management of the Drake Hotel, who must forsee unlimited future revenues. In short, regrets, cheers, and much respect for your sound reasoning.

I was glad to get the good news of forward movement in Arkansas from Fred. It sounds as though the movement is in the hands of the non-midgets, including yourself, who can do something really effective with it. And as I predicted, Fred returned with glowing accounts of the good fellowship to be had in Little Rock, at the hands of you and your friends.

I hope we can get together soon in Atlanta, New York or someplace for a prime bull session. Among other things, I'd like to bring you up to date on the latest convolutions of the Pierce-Swanson-Maclachlan non-collaboration.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

December 13, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels
Shreveport,
Louisiana

Dear The Daniels:

It was a real delight to stay in your home. Toast and coffee and a soft bed are a welcome part of hospitality, but intellectual agreement and company are rare extra features.

I cherish the couple of days with you. When you come to Atlanta you must please let us know so that we can share friendship some more.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 13, 1954

Mr. Hoyt Oliver, Vice-Pres.
Georgia Methodist Student Movement
P.O. Box 213
Emory Univ., Ga.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

We will be glad to assist you and the Georgia Methodist Student Movement in any way we can.

I am sending you separately a somewhat out-dated list, which we will supplement with a revised version within a few weeks; a copy of our basic pamphlet on the schools, Answers for Action; and a recent issue of our publication, New South, which reprints church pronouncements on the Supreme Court decision.

Beginning in 1955 we are increasing the size and coverage of New South. I suggest that you enter a subscription at $2.00 per year in order that you may receive all of our materials. Anytime you are in this vicinity, we would welcome a visit from you, at which time we can talk at length about our mutual interests.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

December 14, 1954

Mr. Charles G. Hamilton
St. Paul's
Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Charlie:

I admit that nothing has been going on, but they are packing and filling to go. I think that they are about to employ some staff, and then things will move.

I know you are helping.

Anyhow come to see us sometime.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 14, 1954

Mrs. Mae Mitchell
Farm Home Administration
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mae:

Mighty kind of you to give me the dope about Claude and all the others. I follow each of those men with the greatest of interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 14, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Community Services Committee and Consultants
Kentucky Council on Human Relations

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant for Program, SRC

We are mailing to you under separate cover the following materials which we hope will be useful as you make community contacts in the weeks ahead:

5 copies Answers for Action
5 " New South -- August 1954
The Churches Speak
5 " " -- September 1954
A Legal View - Segregation in the Schools
5 " " -- October 1954
The Supreme Court Decision and the Appalachian South
5 " " -- November 1954
Integration in the Armed Services
5 " SRC - Toward the South of the Future

It is our thought that in some cases you may wish to leave copies of SRC materials with the people with whom you talk.

We enclose for your personal use a memorandum on "Development of State Programs" and Mr. Menefee's suggestions of tactics.

A copy of "The Negro and the Schools" for your personal use is enclosed with the materials sent under separate cover.

It was a pleasure to meet with you and to know that you are participating in the development of these important services in Kentucky.

rnf

Sent to:

Joseph A. Carrol
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

Louis C. Kesselman
Dept. of Political Science
University of Louisville
Louisville, Ky.

Milburn T. Maupin
DuValle Jr. High Sch.
8th & Chestnut Street
Louisville, Ky.

H.C. Mathis
Community School
Drakesboro, Ky.

W.M. Wood
Box 183
Harlan, Ky.

Lee Coleman
Dept. of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

G.D. Wilson
Box 81
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Roscoe Giffin
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

T.C. Venable
College Station
Murray, Kentucky

For Information, sent to:

Dr. C.H. Parrish
Dr. I.T. Sanders

December 14, 1954

Mr. E. A. Bryant, Jr.
2852 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Bryant:

You and your friends were mighty nice to have me in for the morning gathering.

I went on to Mineral Wells and I hope did usefully there.

A number of your friends were present. I inquired of the staff and was told that the meeting had been considered open, but my own observations were that the hotel where it was held would have been uncooperative. But that is a guess and I do not know it.

It was a real pleasure to be with you and the others.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 14, 1954

AIR MAIL

Mr. Almon R. Pepper,
The National Council,
Protestant Episcopal Church,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York 10, New York.

Dear Mr. Pepper:

Many thanks for your letter of December 10th with its news of the meeting of the Division and Department.

I read with care the revisions of pages 26 through 30 of the earlier document and the Council's resolution in the new form, and heartily approve of both.

I expect to be in New York in a day or two and will come by headquarters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 14, 1954

Mr. J. K. Haynes
Louisiana Education Association
Box 81
Ruston, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Haynes:

I was in Shreveport week before last and talked with many of your friends there — particularly Mr. Bryant. Your name was often in our conversations.

How nice to come back and find your letter of December 1st, and nice, also, that Mrs. Hamilton had got it completely answered.

We will want to help you just in any way you will let us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 14, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Warm thanks for your good stout letter to the Greenville News.

That seemed to me to hit every nail right on the top.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 14, 1954

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
512 Ebenezer Avenue
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

I had this nice letter from the NCCJ people.

I think it would be quite safe to send Mr. Louis A. Radelet a copy of the Rock Hill program. If you agree and will send him one, I will be grateful.

Please return the letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

December 14, 1954

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

About eighteen Texans were present at the AF of L School. I sent them all the enclosed letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 14, 1954

Mr. Claude B. Faris
Cypress Woods Corporation
Ridgeland, South Carolina

Dear Claude:

The last couple of times I have scratched my way up the lane behind Miss Hattie McCord's have been unrewarded, so I thought I would write Mae Mitchell and ask her where you were. She said that this is where you are.

Christmas greetings from all the Mitchells to all the Fa[illegible].

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 14, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

We quite understand about your not wishing to serve as vice-president of the Council when you are on, or about to be on, the Board of the Fund for the Republic. It delights us that you are to have that important place as one of the Southern members of the Board of the Fund for the Republic.

I hear that Arkansas matters went well the other day when the new group met. Everyone praised Mr. Darragh.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 14, 1954

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

You will be pleased to hear that Mr. Jerome K. Crossman has accepted membership on the Board of the Southern Regional Council. Said he couldn't give a lot of time to it, but would be glad to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Mrs. James S. Crate
GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

December 14, 1954

Reverend Marvin Bordelon
Post Office Box 589
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Father Marvin:

I was in Shreveport the end of week before last and asked on every hand for news of you. Father Gremillion showed me the first issue of your new paper. Congratulations! You have a great new field of usefulness.

I liked so much of the paper as in the minutes I had before me I could go through. Particularly nice that it had so many short bits of news from so many different places. People read things like that. I looked in vain for a column in French?

I know that your parish in Simmesport will be mighty sorry to lose you. Speed the day when I can get to Alexandria and we can have company again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . . EAB . . . . . .

[redacted]

This ltr sent to all names on
the attached list

December 14, 1954

Mr. C. Milton Brown
401 Westover Road
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Sir and Brother:

If some part of the matters discussed under "Southern Problems" at the recent school at Mineral Wells interested you, I hope you will consider joining the newly reorganized Texas Commission on Race Relations. This has existed for many years in the State as an independent agency affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

The Council has lately been able, by a grant from the Fund for the Republic, to help the Texas Commission on Race Relations to employ paid professional staff. The Executive Director of it is Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, 309 West Twenty-First Street, Austin, Texas. They are all good Texas people trying to get things done reasonably and in a good spirit.

If you are interested, you might write to Sutherland, or fill in the blank on the back of this gray leaflet and send in $5.00, and we will be sure that the Texas Commission makes you a member of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland

Mr. C. Milton Brown
401 Westover Road
Big Spring, Texas

H. S. Brown
412 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas

C. Burk
Route 1, Box 378
Odessa, Texas

Mrs. Doris H. Cates
4120 Algerita
Fort Worth, Texas

A. J. Christian
1727 Young Street
Dallas, Texas

Carl Collins
316 Stewart
Lamarque, Texas

Alfred G. Goodson
1304 Ridgeroad
Big Spring, Texas

E. S. Gray
1518 Santa Monica
San Antonio, Texas

W. F. Heickman
4418 Charleston
Houston, Texas

Jerry Holleman
412 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas

I. J. May
126 North Street
San Antonio, Texas

J. W. Miller
5221 Eighth Street
Port Arthur, Texas

L. L. Morrison
238 Crockett
Beaumont, Texas

John B. Robinson
5524 Miller Avenue
Dallas 6, Texas

James C. Sharp
2009 Avenue K
Lubbock, Texas

Ouida Shubert
2308 Yale
Wichita Falls, Texas

W. H. Sorrells
925 Western Avenue
Borger, Texas

Hugh E. Wickes
1124 Del Norte Dr.
El Paso, Texas

December 14, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I checked with Leonard Haas and read him what we all think is your excellent letter to the Editor of the Greenville News.

Leonard was most reluctant to approve the dispatch of a similar letter to Stanley Morse. If you are adamant in your intent to do so, thought Leonard, you would be free to write Morse. But Leonard's every feeling was against trying to get Morse straight with a letter. We have some further evidence that Morse is a part of an instructed and cunning body of Right Wingers.

Again, we greatly like the letter you wrote to the Greenville News, and think it will exactly do the job. I don't know what else to do except to continue to write such letters to people who break out with Morse's kind of stuff.

We haven't made further headway with the pamphlet on "Ten Years of the Southern Regional Council." We agree that it is to be gotten together and it is being worked on. But we are troubled by the problem of getting such a pamphlet printed when there is little likelihood that it will produce revenue.

Meanwhile, Fleming, in looking through New South for the last six or seven years, got hold of the idea of drawing out of each the best of its articles broken down by main topics, and reprinting that as the December-January issue of New South. A much enlarged issue launching the new style of the magazine. It will be expensive, but it will be valuable as a text and we think it will sell widely at about 50¢ a copy.

I admit that the time put on this has been in substitute for the time put on a ten-year review of the Council. But we can see where we can float this one, and the other we haven't. Still, we are preparing a draft of the ten-year review pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

daily file

December 14, 1954

Mr. E. Clinton Gardner
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Here are some good magazines that would help you:

Christian Century, which carries regular news coverage of events and trends in race relations in the various churches;

Interracial News Service. Published bi-monthly by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York. $2.00 for two years. Digests news in race relations; emphasis on news from churches affiliated with the National Council;

Interracial Review. Published monthly by the Catholic Interracial Council, 20 Vesey Street, New York 7, New York. $1.00 per year. Articles of general interest, news of Catholic Interracial Councils; emphasis on Catholic programs and progress;

Journal of Negro Education. Published quarterly by Howard University, Washington 1, D. C. $4.00 per year. Covers various aspects of Negro education, problems of desegregation; yearly subscription covers summer Yearbook which concentrates on a specific area of Negro education or Negro problems;

NAIRO Reporter. Published monthly except August and September by the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, P. O. Box 163, Cathederal Station, New York 25, New York. $3.00 per year. Summaries and news-notes of events and trends in intergroup relations, notices of publications.

New South. Published monthly by the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Articles reporting developments in race relations in the South, particular emphasis on school situation. $2.00 per year.

Southern School News. Published monthly by the Southern Education Reporting Service, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Copies available on request to individuals and organizations. State-by-state summaries of developments arising from the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation.

Outfits:

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Southeast Regional Office
Kemper Building
Atlanta, Georgia
Executive Secretary, Arthur Levin

Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
Acting Director, Robert Thompson

Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina
Reverend Maurice Shean, C. O.

Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
Reverend George E. Clary, Chairman

Georgia State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
Executive Secretary, David S. Burgess

Division of Christian Relations
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church of the U. S.
341 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
Executive Secretary, Reverend Malcolm P. Calhoun

Division of Christian Social Relations
North Georgia Conference, Methodist Church
Secretary, Mrs. Durand Miller, Chipley, Georgia

Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Black Mountain, North Carolina
Executive Secretary, Howard Kester

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Atlanta Branch
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
President, C. L. Harper

Georgia State NAACP
William M. Boyd, President
604 Beckwith Street
Atlanta, Georgia

United Church Women of Georgia
Mrs. R. L. MacDougall, President
4141 Club Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Young Men's Christian Associations
Southern Area Student Council
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia
Associate Area Secretary, Samuel N. Slie

Young Women's Christian Association
National Student Council, Southern Regional Office
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia
Student Secretary, Miss Doris Wilson

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If you will come by here at some early date, you can pick up back issues of New South. A good many of them will doubtless be helpful to you.

I trust that Answers for Action was duly sent you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 15, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: George S. Mitchell
FROM: Harold C. Fleming

Marion Wright called from Linville Falls today with further ideas on establishing our purity with the opinion makers. He had received a reply from Roger Peace, publisher of the Greenville News, who confirmed the fact that the paper expressed its own views in the editorial columns and allowed wide latitude for expression of random views by contributors to the Letters column. He assured Mr. Wright that any future letters like Mr. Morse's would be carefully scrutinized and purged of any libelous references to SRC.

This response prompted Mr. Wright to seek some way of reaching Southern editors in the mass. Specifically he proposed, for purposes of discussion, that we invite the appropriate overall organization of Southern editors or editorial writers to designate a three-man team of its members to visit us, familiarize themselves with our work, and thus be in a position to assure their fellows of our good character. He suggested that we preface this invitation with a strong statement of our appreciation for the fairness with which the press had handled, or not handled, attacks upon the Council.

I raised with Mr. Wright several of the questions that this proposal immediately raised in my mind, and in the ensuing conversation Mr. Wright put forth another alternative proposal -- namely, that we mail to every editor a copy of the projected "Ten Years of SRC" with a covering letter expressing our appreciation to the press and inviting the editors to visit us at any time and learn more about us. This approach might be supplemented by individual letters to papers that subsequently came forth with Morse-type material.

Throughout the conversation Mr. Wright emphasized that he advanced the proposal without dogmatism and was simply aiming at some device for further protecting ourselves with the press. He requested that the staff here and Alfred Mynders consider the matter and inform him of our best judgment.

He had not yet received your letter about the financing difficulties of the proposed promotion document. I spoke of the problem to him and he replied that we might have to think in terms of reallocating some of the existing funds.

cc:gth
rnf

December 15, 1954

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

The following people attended the Conference of Educational Leaders at Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 26th and 27th. It was this Conference which adopted the statement appearing in the November, 1954 issue of New South. We think you might wish to cultivate them for membership in your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Richard Moore
Daytona Beach, Florida

Gilbert L. Porter
Tallahassee, Florida

Royal W. Puryear
St. Augustine, Florida

bc: GTM
FBR
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brimm:

The following people attended the Conference of Educational Leaders at Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 26th and 27th. It was this Conference which adopted the statement appearing in the November, 1954 issue of New South. We think you might wish to cultivate them for membership in your group.

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Rufus B. Atwood
Frankfort

P. L. Guthrie
Lexington

Mrs. Anita W. Robinson
Louisville

bc: GTH
FBR
CHP

December 15, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

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L. A. Alexander
Jackson

J. R. Otis
Alcorn

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FBR
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

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James A. Colston
Knoxville

Walter W. Gibson
Memphis

Charles S. Johnson
Nashville

C. A. Kirkendoll
Jackson

Hollis Price
Memphis

Daniel Thomas Rolfe
Nashville

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CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend Dan C. Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Dan:

The following people attended the Conference of Educational Leaders at Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 26th and 27th. It was this Conference which adopted the statement appearing in the November, 1954 issue of New South. We think you might wish to cultivate them for membership in your group.

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W. A. Bell
Birmingham

J. F. Drake
Normal

Arthur D. Gray
Talladega

Samuel B. Hay
Tuscaloosa

H. Councill Trenholm
Montgomery

Luther Foster
Tuskegee Institute

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FBR
CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend C. E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

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Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta

C. L. Harper
Atlanta

John H. Lewis
Atlanta

Albert E. Manley
Atlanta

Benjamin E. Mays
Atlanta

Harry Richardson
Atlanta

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CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

The following people attended the Conference of Educational Leaders at Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 26th and 27th. It was this Conference which adopted the statement appearing in the November, 1954 issue of New South. We think you might wish to cultivate them for membership in your group.

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Felton G. Clark
Baton Rouge

Albert W. Dent
New Orleans

R. W. E. Jones
Grambling

George Longe
New Orleans

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CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend Leon C. Russell
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Russell:

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Ferdinand D. Bluford
Greensboro

L. S. Cozart
Concord

Samuel E. Duncan
Raleigh

W. L. Greene
Raleigh

David D. Jones
Greensboro

Hardy Liston
Charlotte

J. W. Seabrook
Fayetteville

William R. Strassner
Raleigh

Harold L. Trigg
Raleigh

F. D. Williams
Elizabeth City

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FBR

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Mr. Richard J. Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Foster:

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J. A. Bacoats
Columbia, South Carolina

Samuel R. Higgins
Columbia, South Carolina

Cornell A. Johnson
Columbia, South Carolina

Walter E. Solomon
Columbia, South Carolina

bc: GTH
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CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend C. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

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L. C. Downing
Roanoke

Booker T. Bradshaw
Richmond

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December 15, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

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Milton K. Curry
Marshall

William H. Jones
Austin

Wardell D. Thompson
Prarie View

Leslie J. White
Austin

Cleo Blackburn
Hawkins, Texas

D. R. Glass
Tyler, Texas

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December 15, 1954

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

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L. M. Christophe
Little Rock

Lawrence A. Davis
Pine Bluff

Charles A. Hicks
Little Rock

Frank W. Smith
Little Rock

M. L. Harris
Little Rock

Edna M. Douglass
Little Rock

bc: GTH

FBR
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Last weekend I attended a meeting of the board of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations and participated in an "orientation session" for a group of community consultants who will be working in the development of program in Kentucky. It occurs to me that some of the ideas as to ways of working being tried in Kentucky may hold some suggestions for the Tennessee Council -- hence this letter. In brief, the Kentucky plan is this.

(1) The Kentucky Council is considering employing an administrative secretary to work in the office which will be located in Louisville. This person will carry executive responsibility for the program and policy determinations made by the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council and its Board of Directors.

(2) The Board has established several standing functional committees as follows: Finance and Membership, Community Services, Educational Program, and Publications. (Each member of the Board of thirty-six has accepted membership for work on one of these committees.)

(3) The Community Services Committee is developing and directing the work of a group of community consultants who will serve as representatives of the Kentucky Council and whose first responsibility will be to establish contacts in various communities accessible to them, as a basis for determining the kind of services needed which the Kentucky Council may be able to provide in the immediate period ahead when the implementation of the Supreme Court decision is under consideration by community groups.

The consultants (five white and five Negro) have been selected from several parts of the state. They are all highly competent professional people with the ability to recognize and work with community leadership of the various groups which are influential in making up a community's mind. They plan to recommend no single "program" to communities nor are they expected to "sell" a point of view. The need for establishing and/or strengthening communication at the local level is the first objective. They plan to have the Negro consultants concentrate upon contacts with white citizens and the white consultants concentrate upon the contacts with Negroes. Since they, the consultants, serve as representatives of the SRC and the Kentucky Council, the importance of their being oriented before beginning the work in the SRC purposes, objectives and ways of work was stressed. The meeting last weekend was called for this purpose and a second meeting of the consultants will be scheduled after a month or six weeks of their work. Since the consultants are engaged with other professional work, it is thought that they will be able to give a varying amount of time to this responsibility, probably averaging two or three days per month. They will be paid on a per diem basis and reimbursed for their travel expense by the Kentucky Council.

This plan of work increases the number of professionally equipped persons who will be actively participating in the program development of the state organization; it makes possible more first-hand knowledge of various parts of the state and it would seem to offer a greater chance for meeting the needs of communities where they now are. As your committee plans for the professional assistance which will be needed in carrying on the work of the Tennessee Division, you may want to have more information about the Kentucky plan. Dr. Parrish (the consultant for state organizations of the SRC) is, in his capacity as a member of the Board of the Kentucky Council, one of the chairmen of the Kentucky Services Committee.

We will be glad to confer with you about the Tennessee choice of personnel for your proposed program. Thank you for sending us a copy of the approved Tennessee Bylaws. We will look forward to hearing more about your plans for program development and hope that you and the members of the Board will find the December 13th memoranda on development of state programs useful.

With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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cc:Miss Lewis

EXCERPTS OF LETTER FROM: Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tenn.

December 6, 1954

To: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

* * *

I read Mr. Menefee's report in the New South and found it very interesting. It is very helpful, together with the mimeo suggestions he made and the list of persons he saw.

Have you learned about any possible candidates for the position of Executive Secretary for The Tennessee Council on Human Relations? We have only two candidates, so far, and feel that we ought to have more of a choice. One of them, who I think is very good, has however been receiving about $8,000 a year in the positions he has held the last few years. It will be hard, if not impossible to persuade him to come for $5,000. We are of course considering finding addttional funds so we would pay our Ex. Sec. more. Please let us know if you learn about some possible candidates for the position.

* * *

Yours sincerely

/s/

F. Woods Beckman
Temporary Chairman

December 15, 1954

Miss Frances Williams
1824 Belmont Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Frances:

We think it would be a fine thing to invite Mr. Hughes Spalding, Sr., to be a member of the National Committee of Citizens on Immigration and Citizenship. I have no way of knowing whether he would accept it or not but it will be an opportunity for him to join the "larger life" and some gains may come from that. I will probably not have a chance to talk with him in the next few weeks but I will send, as soon as I get it, the information on his background, etc.

I am still hoping that you will keep the visit to Atlanta high on the list of priority. The welcome mat is out.

Yours hastily,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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Circulate

To: Staff

From: GSM

Mr. James L. Coker, a member of the Board, resigned by letter December 15th, 1954, stating that it was necessary for him to cut down on outside commitments.

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December 16, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM
FROM: GTH

Additions which should be made to the "List of Key People in Southern and Border-State Communities" prepared by Frank Loescher:

Alabama:

Rev. Dan Whitsett, Chrmn.
The First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Mr. J.T. Brooks, Ex.Off. SRC
Alabama State College
Montgomery

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery

Arkansas:

Mr. Fred Darragh, Chrmn.
1401 E. Sixth Street
Little Rock

Rev. Chas. Walker, Vice-Dhrmn.
1216 Chester Street
Little Rock

Mrs. E.B. Dawson, Sec.
P.O. Box 912
Pine Bluff,

Rev. C.S. Cartwright, Treas.
~~P.O. Box 912~~
1701 N. Taylor St.
Little Rock

Florida:

Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Chrmn.
Barnett National Bank Bldg.
Jacksonville

Georgia:

Rev. G.E. Clary, Chrmn.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta

Dr. B.R. Brazeal, V-Chrmn,
Morehouse College
Atlanta

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Ex. Sec.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta

Kentucky:

Dr. Irwin T. Sanders, Mem.Bd.
1350 ~~Road~~ Fontaine Road
Lexington,

Mr. J.M. Tydings, Treas.
Lincoln Foundation
808 Starks Building
Louisville

Dr. C.H. Parrish, Staff Consultant
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Louisiana:

Rev. Albert D'Orlando, Chrmn.
First Unitarian Church
New Orleans,

Mrs. Nouma J. Rousseve, V-Chrmn.
4636 Willow Street
New Orleans 15

Louisiana:
Rabbi David Fichman, Sec.
1626 Pine Street
New Orlenas

Mrs. Constant C. DeJoie, Jr., Treas.
601 Dryades Street
New Orleans

Mississippi:
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Chrmn.
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg

North Carolina:
Rev. Leon Russell, Chrmn.
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, N.C.

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex.Sec.
121 East Third St., Rm. 209
Charlotte

Mr. John H. Wheeler, Chrmn. Pers. Com.
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham

South Carolina:
Mr. Richard J. Foster, Chrmn.
Curb Market Building
Greenville

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, S.C.

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Station A, Box 36
Charleston

Tennessee:
Miss Elsie M. Lewis, Sec.
1724 14th Avenue, N.
Nashville

Mr. Dan May, Treas.
425 Chestnut Street
Nashville

Mr. Roane Waring, Jr., Mem.Bd.
2410 Sterick Building
Memphis

Mr. Lucius Burch, Mem.Bd.
Burch, Porter & Johnson
Court Square Building
128 N. Court Avenue
Memphis

Texas:
Mrs. Eugene Jud, Treas.
2504 Herring Street
Waco

Mr. Thos. S. Sutherland, Ex. Sec.
309 West 21st Street
Austin

Mrs. Nanie Belle Aycox, Ex.Of.SRC
Texas Southern University
3201 Wheeler Street
Houston

Dr. W.R. Banks, V-Chrmn.
Prairie View College
Brairie View,

Texas:

Dr. J.L. Clark, V-Chrmn.
1421 14th Street
Huntsville, Tex.

Mr. D.A. Rowe, Sec.
Jasper, Tex.

Mr. J.D. McLeod - Historian
805 19½ Street
Huntsville

Virginia:

Rev. W. Carrol Brooke, Ex.Of., Mem.Bd.
Box 208
Staunton, Va.

December 16, 1954

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1715 Piedmont Street
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Bess:

I certainly appreciated your letter and its enclosures.

I note that you stated you would see Dr. Brown in Cincinatti about the appropriation for the Southern Regional Council. I think you must have received by now the proposed appropriations of the National Missions. If so, you will know there is no appropriation listed for the Council. I'm afraid if you wait until you reach Cincinatti it may be too late to do anything about this. If you can get it in, we would certainly appreciate it if you would write to him and speak a good word for the Council and its work in the present crisis of the South.

I appreciate your invitation to be your guest everytime I'm in Jackson. I want you to know I certainly won't miss a chance of being with you.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly

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Enclosed Background Sheet prepared at Mrs. Tilly' request for the information of Dr. Harvey C. Holland, member of the Budget Committee, Methodist Board of National Missions

December 16, 1954

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Thelma:

I spent a week in Mississippi the latter part of November. I'm enclosing some sheets on what I found there. I think you might be interested in seeing it put together. I'm sure you know all the facts already. I'd like to call your attention especially to the editorial from the Montgomery Advertiser which is attached to the background sheets of Mississippi. If you will read Time Magazine's education page of this week, you will find more of the "terror-stirrers" of the citizens councils.

From time to time, we send some leaflets to the secretaries of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions. There have been changes since the minutes were printed and I would certainly appreciate it if I could have a corrected list of both presidents and secretaries of the Christian Social Relations of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions.

I'm delighted that you are to be on the Convocation program at Charlotte. We need you and your message.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly

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~~Enclosed Background Sheet~~

December 16, 1954

NOTES ON MISSISSIPPI MEETING

December 13, 1954
Jackson, Miss.

The Mississippi meeting took place on December 13th in the Rectory of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Jackson. There were seventeen people present, about six of them Negro. At the meeting they discussed the current situation in Mississippi including the formation of the so-called "citizen's councils" and noted the increased urgency for programs and action on the part of organizations and people who believe in democracy. They decided that, because of the situation in Mississippi, they should employ two full-time staff members, one Negro and one white, and pledge themselves to raising $4,000 this first year to to insure equal salaries for both directors. (A house allowance was offered in addition to salary to the white director being considered because he came from out of town, was with family and, as a minister, had had house provided previously.) The Personnel Committee's report was read by Monsigneur Brunini and it was pointed out that some six or seven candidates had been considered for the position, that the field had been narrowed down to three. They were Mrs. Ruby Lyles (Negro), well known in both Negro and white circles as a sincere and dedicated person and an able worker in the field of race relations; Rev. Dixon (white), Methodist minister, native Mississippian, fully dedicated to this field and an able fund raiser; and Rev. Wells (Negro), elder statesmen of the Negro community.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report, the three candidates were asked to leave the room and Mrs. Lyles and Mr. Dixon were elected.

The group voted to change its name to the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

I spent a pleasant evening, including dinner, with Monsigneur Brunini and a Father Curie who is director of parochial schools in Jackson. We discussed problems of working toward an integrated society and they both seemed to have considerable understanding of the problem and of some of the approaches to its solution. Both of these men are Mississippi born and both fully dedicated to a democratic society.

F.B. Routh
rnf

Monsignor

December 16, 1954

NOTES ON NORTH CAROLINA MEETING
December 14, 1954
Charlotte, N.C.

The purpose of the trip to North Carolina was primarily to speak at the Unitarian Church on "Stepping Stones toward a more Democratic South." This was at the invitation of Miss Harriet Doar and Reverend Cahill. This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Unitarian Forum Series. The meeting took place at the Unitarian Church, was well attended and there was a small scattering of Negro people present. The crowd was enthusiastic about the idea of working toward a fully integrated society. These Unitarians, as most across the South, are progressive in their thinking not only on religious matters but on social matters as well. The group accepted the thesis that this must be worked out on a local level and believed that the quicker it might be done the better off we all would be. After the meeting was over a small handful of us proceeded out to Dr. Wheeler's house (M.D.) and had a bull session which lasted until roughly 1:30. These people are interested in the work of SRC. They know and like Harry Jones and many of them will become members of a local chapter of the North Carolina Council.

Wednesday, the 15th, I spent with Harry Jones talking over the problems that confront him and the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. The first big problem that must be solved in North Carolina is the broadening of the basis of representation on the Board of Directors. The current Board and Harry Jones are giving considerable time and thought to who would best make new Board members. One of the big-wigs that they are considering going after is Jonathan Daniels who has expressed an interest in the work and who was suggested to Harry Jones by Lester Granger of the Urban League.

Mr. Jones enjoys anenviable relationship with the director of the United Appeal in Charlotte and it is quite possible that the North Carolina Council on Human Relations will be put on the United Appeals list and receive perhaps $5,000 per year from them. This is true not only in Charlotte but has a good chance in Winston-Salem and perhaps has a good chance in other areas as well. I assured Mr. Jones that the central office would be pleased with such an arrangement and would not, like certain other agencies, frown on seeking the support of and funds from United Appeals in various communities.

I spent a pleasant dinner hour and evening out at Mr. Jone's home and met his family. They are, indeed, delightful people. I discovered that Harry is one of seven bhildren, that there are four boys in the family, two of them have Ph.D.'s and M.D.'s and the third brother is a minister in New York. It is my distinct feeling that we were highly fortunate in obtaining the services of Harry Jones as the director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations.

F.B. Routh
rnf

December 17, 1954

Dr. C.H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

The Alabama group is having an Executive meeting on the ~~8~~6th of January. The purpose of this meeting, according to a memo we received today from Bob Hughes, is to plan for the annual meeting and the general SRC program in the state of Alabama.

After having talked it over with Grace, we both feel it important that you and I attend this meeting because it would seem that here will be hammered out much of the program for the coming year and we feel that the concept of an annual meeting as a business meeting is unwise. I believe there is a need to sit down with Bob Hughes and talk through our more recent thinking regarding state organizations.

The meeting takes place Thursday, January 6, 1955, at 2:00 P.M., in the state offices which are located in the Moore Building, Room 206, Court Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Trust that this finds you well and enjoying the beginning of the holiday season. Merry Christmas - Happy Chanukah.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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Dictated by Mr. Routh/signed in his absence

December 17, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob Hughes:

Thank you for the copy of the December 8th memorandum to the members of the Alabama Executive Committee which you enclosed in your letter to Fred Routh. (Would you send us, as soon as is convenient, three more copies and mail one to Dr. C.H. Parrish, 926 South Sixth Street, Louisville, Kentucky.)

The plan for developing centers of work in the several geographic areas of Alabama seems very sound. It recognizes the need for the flexibility which is essential if meaningful processes to establish communication at the local level are to result from our program. I wonder, however, whether you and your Executive Board have considered other possibilities for getting program underway other than the annual membership meeting.

We have observed that annual meetings for the transaction of state business is frequently not really democratic. (In one state only seventeen persons out of a membership of three hundred attended the annual meeting.) If the state membership is large and most of the members attend, the group is too cumbersome to be organized and to transact business in a one- or two-day session. Such a meeting is easy to manipulate by a relatively small group, and may be dominated by members who happen to live near the city where the meeting is held. For another and more cogent reason there may be serious doubt of the wisdom of holding a statewide membership meeting. The inevitable fanfare of publicity in connection with such a meeting would keep many people away and would considerably reduce the effectiveness of our expansion program. It is alright to say that people of principle should stand up and be counted, but in actuality there are thousands of people throughout the South who agree with our objectives yet would hesitate to be publicly identified with such an interracial activity. We need these people. Our selling point is the kind of people we attract. The policy of playing down program at the state level will undoubtedly effect the availibility of outstanding persons who are needed for the state board of directors and who may be helpful in various ways at local levels.

Perhaps as your Executive Board considers the criteria for the development of state program (December 13th memoranda) other ways to stimulate communication in the various parts of the state can be developed.

You may be interested in the plan of work which is being tried by the Kentucky Council. It also recognizes the differences in the several parts of the state. It is described briefly on the attached sheet. Perhaps the most important contribution which the SRC and its affiliated state organizations can hope to make in the present period is to develop understanding of our method for dealing with problems faced in communities throughout the South. This method is described in the concept of responsible groups of citizens of the two races, considering together on the basis of complete equality what is advisable and what is possible in terms of specific questions which affect all the people. We believe that the effectiveness of this method will be recognized in places where it is really tried and that financial support for the group which makes it possible will come.

We hope that the December 13th memorandum will be helpful as your Executive Board plans in greater detail the ways in which the program of the Alabama Council can be carried out. Please feel free to call upon the members of the central staff for help in any planning meeting which may be arranged.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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December 17, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi and Little Mom:

It surely was good to see you at Jackson and I'm only sorry we didn't have more time to spend together. I think what was done at that Jackson meeting is very important for the future of Mississippi. I was deeply grateful that you all had the vision and the courage to undertake the employment of two full-time staff members and I believe, after meeting them both, that your choice was a good one.

Would you please see to it that we receive minutes of the meeting and please let us know if and when the two people accept the offer you made them.

Very warmest personal regards. Happy Chanukah - Merry Christmas!

Love,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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Reading Fil

December 17, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

It was a real pleasure to visit with you and talk through some of the problems that are facing the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. I enjoyed meeting the director of United Appeal and think that you have a real resource there. He seemed to be not only interested in the field but to have keen insight into the possibilities of program and strategy. I believe you are doing a good job in North Carolina and wish you real success in seeking to strengthen your Board of Directors.

Thanks so very much for having me out to the house for supper and a very pleasant evening. I very much enjoyed getting to know your family. You have a very lovely wife and two fine children and I found your father to be interesting in his descriptions of the old days.

Gadsen Shand of whom we spoke is a good friend of George Mitchell's, is sincerely interested in this field and has a quite thoughtful approach.

Rabbi Mantinband, the state president out in Mississippi, suggested two names in the North Carolina area both of whom you mentioned but I will pass them on again anyway -- Dick Blumenthal and Maurice Wienstein, both of Charlotte.

I will forward to you a copy of what we have on integration and desegregation in recreation in the next day or so when our research assistant gets back to the office. Your buddy at the United Appeal asked for this. Best regards to the family, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/rnf

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December 17, 1954

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J.B. Brunini
P.O. Box 57
Jackson 105, Mississippi

Dear Monsigneur:

I want to thank you for being host to the meeting of the Board of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations. It was kind of you to extend the welcome mat at the Rectory for this purpose.

The report which you made for the personnel committee suggesting the employment of two people -- one Negro, one white -- as the directors in Mississippi was very well done and showed considerable thought behind it.

Thank you very much for the kind personal attention and the very wonderful dinner following the meeting. I enjoyed meeting Father Curie very much and believe that with such leadership as you and he exemplify the parochial schools may be a guiding beacon to the public schools.

Very warmest regards -- Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

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December 20, 1954

Mr. George W. Cathcart
5804 Iroquois
Detroit 13, Michigan

Dear Mr. Cathcart:

I have marked my calander to be in Detroit and at the disposal of the Men's Club and of the church on Saturday and Sunday, January 29th and 30th.

For the Saturday evening occasion I would like to talk on "Toward Unsegregated Schools in the South -- The Ways to Work."

I have got to ruminate for a couple of weeks about my sermon, and then I will write Mr. White about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 20, 1954

Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

All remains in order for February 2nd. I haven't yet worked out transportation, but you can be sure that I will be there.

I send a picture separately. For biography, take what you want out of the enclosed.

Willing to do television, but always look funny on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 20, 1954

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

Many thanks for your nice letter.

I will remember.

I send, separately, the two pamphlets.

Let me know what happens on the make-the-stores-behave project.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Under Separate Cover: Race and Law Enforcement
Race in the News

December 20, 1954

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Sec.
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
Rm. 303, Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Vigo:

So interested to hear about the Program Workshop planned by the Louisiana Council on Human Relations for Tuesday, January 11th. I will be glad to participate in the Workshop leadership (find it a little hard to think of "making a speech" at a workshop -- but I think I know what you mean). Please thank Miss Syts for her cordial invitation to quarter with her. I will have to let you know somewhat nearer the time about my plans for arrival and departure.

If there is a tentative outline of the Workshop agenda, please let me have a copy so that I can do my thinking on the topics which you will be working on.

All of us here send greetings to all of you in Louisiana for a Happy Christmas Season.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

F.B. Routh - Monday, Dec. 20, 1954

Leaving Atlanta Sunday night - Dec. 19

Arriving Jacksonville, Fla. Dec. 20, morning

Contact: Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bk. Bldg.
Telephone 3-6261

Returning Atlanta, Tuesday morning

December 21, 1954

Mr. Ralph McGill
The Atlanta Constitution
10 Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

We have sent some of our material to the young lady in Chattanooga whose information request you passed on to us.

As we wrote her, we have no single publication covering the whole field of race relations. But we do have one in preparation, consisting of selections from New South over the past nine years which show the main trends in Southern race relations.

All of which leads up to this request: could you undertake to write a very brief foreward for this booklet? It will be the only thing of its kind in print, and we anticipate that it will be widely used by students, church study groups, and others. A foreward of three hundred or four hundred words by you would do much to get its value recognised.

If you feel that it is possible for you to do this for us, I will bring a set of the galley proofs by your office during the first part of January so that you can see exactly what we are trying to do.

Meanwhile I enclose a copy of the table of contents.

In any case once the booklet is in print we will supply you with a few copies as a possible aid in handling the many informational requests you receive.

With all good wishes of the Season.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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December 21, 1954

Mrs. Hilda G. Finney
53 Sommers Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mrs. Finney:

Nice of you to come up to the ILGU.

I still think you have got hold of something mighty useful, and I hope you and your friends will push it through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 21, 1954

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vigo:

A long-time friend of SRC, until lately strategically placed in one of the leading Methodist Church Boards in New York, has been Miss Marjorie Minkler. Some weeks ago she married into your city and lives there now. She married the Reverend Virgil Morris. He is a District Superintendent for the New Orleans District of the Methodist Church. They live at 1431 Octavia Street, New Orleans 24, Louisiana.

I suggest that you call on them. Tell them who you are and what you do and ask for their support and friendship in the years to come, and I think you will get it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
bc: Mrs. Tilly

December 21, 1954

Mr. John P. Roche
Haverford College
Haverford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Roche:

The address I have for Kenneth Douty is 193 South French Broad, Asheville, South Carolina.

Emory Via, Labor Education Division
Roosevelt College, 430 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago 5, Illinois

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 21, 1954

Mr. Frank A. Streeter
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Streeter:

We are deeply grateful for your letter of December 15th and its check for $1,000, being the proceeds of the grant to the Southern Regional Council to facilitate the work of Mrs. M. E. Tilly with the Fellowship of the Concerned.

This is the greatest of help and aid in a spot where a great deal of good can be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - official SRC receipt.

December 21, 1954

Mr. Herbert Greenberg
712 Crown Street
Brooklyn 13, New York

Dear Mr. Greenberg:

I only got back to my hotel at 2:00 a.x. on the morning of the day I was to leave (and I left at 7:30 a.m.). There was a note in the hotel box saying to call you, but I didn't call you at 2:00 a.x. and didn't call you at 7:30 a.x., I just took mercy. I still haven't got a job for you, but I am sorry I missed that opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 21, 1954

Mr. Charles G. Hamilton
St. Paul's
Corinth, Mississippi

Dear Charles:

Our friends in Mississippi have lately reestablished themselves as the Mississippi Council on Human Relations. They have employed as joint executives of it a Methodist minister named N. A. Dickson of Union City and Mrs. M. S. Lyles of Jackson. The staff goes to work January 1st.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 21, 1954

Mr. Philip S. Ogilvie
Director
Albermarle Regional Libraries
P. O. Box 245
Winton, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ogilvie:

Nice to have news from you and evidence of the new job. The pamphlets have been duly sent you.

Northampton County next to you has batches of peculiarly dilute Negro population. Investigate.

You will be driving around and will reach Columbia, North Carolina. Seek out Tom Armstrong who is the Farmers Home Administration Rural Supervisor. My long-time friend. Deeply knowledgeable about the agriculture of the whole South Albermarle country.

Go back sometime into what in the government we used to call "Scuppernong Farms" and explore the way in which that swampy land was made fertile by slave-dug canals.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 21, 1954

Miss Dorothy B. Shimer, Co-Editor
World Brotherhood, Hawaii Chapter
P.O. Box 3106
Honolulu 2, Hawaii

Dear Miss Shimer:

We are glad to learn that the Hawaii Chapter of World Brotherhood is planning an international quarterly on intergroup relations. We would be very happy to exchange publications with you.

I am sending you under separate cover several recent issues of our publication New South. I might point out, however, that we are presently revising and enlarging the format of New South. The first issue in the new format will appear in February.

I will look forward to seeing the first issue of Brotherhood and will be glad to add you to our list of exchanges when I hear from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Under separate cover:
- Answers for Action
- New South - Integration in the Armed Services
- New South - The Supreme Court Decision and the Appalachian South
- New South - Segregation in the Schools

December 21, 1954

Mr. Claude B. Faris
Cypress Woods Corporation
Ridgeland, South Carolina

Dear Claude:

Mighty nice of you to write. I have got your address on down in my book, and in due course of my wanderings I will land at your door.

You are no great distance from St. Helena's Island. Thereupon, at I think, Frogmore resides Elizabeth Taylor Siceloff and her husband the man Siceloff. They manage, for the American Friends Service Committee, an adult community project. She used to be my secretary. Quaker girl from Charlotte, though raised an ARP. Married a Texas guy who is a good egg. Children coming along.

Do get to know them sometime.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 21, 1954

Mr. Barton Hunter
The United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hunter:

You were kind enough in your letter of October 15th to say that you would, at an appropriate time, talk with the people in the Disciples Peace Fellowship and see whether from their small budget they might be able to find some small contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

I write to remind you of our hope that this could be worked out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 21, 1954

Reverend Candler C. Budd
Glenn Memorial Methodist Church
1976 North Decatur Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Budd:

I develop a conflict on the second of my four appearances for your church.

I have long been promised for a meeting of the Norfolk, Virginia Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation which was down on my book for February 8th. Evidently they told me back last October that it was February 2nd, but I did not get it written down. So here I am required to be at Norfolk and at Atlanta both on Wednesday, February 2nd.

I think there is an escape which should be workable and welcome. If you will let me substitute my assistant, Harold Fleming, for the evening appearance on Wednesday, February 2nd, I think you would find that quite all right. He is an Atlanta person, Baptist by upbringing, about Jamie Mackey's generation army-wise, a graduate of Harvard, and currently Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council. John Griffin would know him pretty well and so would Ed Vincent, and so would Jamie.

My plan of campaign was to do the map on January 26th; talk about health and land tenure and industrial opportunity and housing on February 2nd; about the legal background of the controversy over the schools on February 9th; and on what to do about them on February 16th. My material for February 2nd was the dullest and most pedestrian of my four appearances. Harold Fleming will be prepared to talk that evening about the total background of the present situation in the South. That brings in the upsurge of colonial people and international as well as domestic developments. He is a winning fellow, soberly informed, and the delight of any thoughtful audience.

If you will permit me to make that one substitution, I promise to be fully on hand for all the other three. I do hope that this is acceptable.

I look forward greatly to the opportunity to be with the group at Glenn Memorial.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 22, 1954

Mr. Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brimm:

Late in November I got a letter from my good friend Helen Schwartz who worked in Atlanta in one voluntary capacity or another. She said that people she had seen recently at a meeting we had asked her to cover for SRC told her that Margaret Dagen was being considered for a job with the Kentucky group.

Mrs. Schwartz said that Margaret Dagen would be interested in the job and that it would be very difficult to find a better person:

> "I don't know how much you know about Maggie's background and activities, even I hadn't a clear picture until she and her husband were about to leave for Louisville and a few of us got up a small testimonial luncheon. She's taught on the university and high school levels, labor relations, human relations, and some other high school subjects. She was, I think I'm safe in saying, the outstanding teacher in the St. Louis area, working with young people through Human Relations Clubs in the schools and our local Intergroup Youth Project. She has given real leadership to CORE's program here, resulting in its being one of the most successful (and respectable) in the country. Her work in labor education here and for many years in the summer in Kentucky has given her all kinds of experiences with all kinds of people, rural, lower socio-economic groups, etc.
>
> She seems to build rapport with people very easily and rapidly, and incidently has a sort of fifth sense about Communists. CORE has had problems elsewhere with infiltration but not here. Maggie is familiar enough with their tactics to spot them fast. She's also familiar with most of the literature and materials in the field of human relations and has done some creative thinking in devising usable techniques in our field."

Filling the job is entirely your business in Kentucky and I anxiously do not interfere. But I think this informed description of Mrs. Dagen is instructive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mr. J. M. Tydings
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

December 22, 1954

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

Your office very kindly wrote us that as you were enroute to the Virgin Islands, the letter we had sent asking you to review the Board Minutes of the meeting November 10th would be held for your attention when you got back.

We wanted to get the Minutes out to the members of the Board and took the approvals we received from Barbare and Gomillion as constituting a majority approval.

So you can save yourself seventeen minutes of reading time if you want to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Ralph Barbare
Mr. C. G. Gomillion

December 22, 1954

Mr. Dan W. Dodson
New York University
School of Education
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Dan:

I still like the business of a quarterly luncheon conference. But it ought to be supplemented by, say, a half-day of further exchange of information. The luncheon isn't enough.

Also, somebody should bell the cat and talk frankly with NAIRO and the National Civil Liberties Clearing House -- more particularly with the latter -- so that we are not all participating in three efforts at coordination.

I nominate you as cat-beller.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 22, 1954

Mr. Alexander E. Sharp
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Sharp:

How very kind indeed that is of the Board of National Missions to approve for the year beginning January 1, 1955, an appropriation of $250 for the Southern Regional Council.

We greatly value your grant, and I am happy to note that as the years go along there is expanding opportunity for your Board and the Southern Regional Council to get things done together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 22, 1954

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

Mighty kind of you to review with care the Minutes. Mr. Gomillion approved them also. Mr. Moron had gone to the Virgin Islands and was not expected back for some weeks, so we took the approval of two of the Committee as approving the Minutes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 22, 1954

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

Mighty kind of you to review with care the Minutes. Mr. Barbare approved them also. Mr. Moron had gone to the Virgin Islands and was not expected back for some weeks, so we took the approval of two of the Committee as approving the Minutes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 22, 1954

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I intend to be in Richmond in the custody of Emerson Smith at 109 West Grace Street, Tuesday, January 4th. We will then be reviewing a list of a small number of people (say 30) to be invited to establish a Council of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Will you be available? I will be in town all that day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 22, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Executive Secretary
South Carolina Division of SRC
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I keep a private pocket book memo on all the state officers. I have got you down for 3315 Colin Kelly Drive, but haven't got any telephone number. If you have one will you let me know what it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 22, 1954

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

I expect to be in Richmond for an hour or so on Tuesday, January 4th, and would like to review with you at that time, if you will be available, the people who should be asked to the proposed state-wide meeting in Virginia.

Will you be around, and can you perfect your list?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 22, 1954

Mr. J. L. Coker
Sonoco Products Company
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Coker:

We are mighty sorry to lose you as a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

You have been a particularly valued member of the Board and a kind friend through many years.

I do hope that from time to time you will let one or the other of us consult with you as to directions the Council's work should take in South Carolina and in the South generall

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Spearman

December 22, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I keep a private pocket book memorandum of all you guys. I have as yet no telephone number for you. If you have one, will you send it to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 23, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I went to see Ralph McGill and, unfortunately, got him at a time when for a variety of reasons he was not able to give his decision about coming to make the morning talk to your annual meeting Tuesday, February 8th.

I think he is disposed to come. But he asked that we allow him to postpone decision until January 3rd or 4th, by which time matters will have clarified for him.

Unless instructed by you otherwise, we will get in touch with him again January 3rd or 4th, and at once let you know the result.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 23, 1954

Bishop E. A. Penick
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Penick:

Worry not. There had been considerable discussion of program planning in the November 10th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, and the item which was sent you December 13th was a resulting informational document.

In pursuance of our policy of taking extra pains to keep members of the Board informed about the Council's program, the memo in question was sent out to you as it was to other members of the Board.

It will be entirely the responsibility of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, as successor to the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, to get together the program material which the memo describes.

The North Carolina Council on Human Relations employed some months ago Harry S. Jones of Charlotte as its Executive Secretary, and he has offices at 121 East Third Street in Charlotte. I hope that in the course of his work he will have your friendship. Perhaps you and he are already acquainted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Harry S. Jones

December 23, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker
RFD
LaGrange, Illinois

Dear The Parkers:

Some outfit called the John Dewey Society hooked up with another outfit called the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (!) says that they will pay for me to come to Chicago and make two speeches. One Saturday night, March 5th, and t'other one March 7th. They are so chinchy -- all they will pay is the railroad fare.

Can I sleep at the Parker's house Sunday night, March 6th? Never mind a positive answer at this stage. We can just wait until the time gets nearer and find out where the Parkers are going to be -- at home or in New England or how circumstanced. But I give this premonitory low whistle of intent to be thereabouts.

We appreciated the pretty Christmas card. Much to discuss when March comes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 23, 1954

Mr. Rodney Tillman
The Association for Supervision
and Curriculum Development
1201 Sixteenth Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tillman:

I was about, with much reluctance, to turn down the kind invitation to be part of The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development meetings on Monday, March 7th, from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., because of the problem of meeting travel expenses. But, happily, the John Dewey Society has offered to pay my railroad fare up and back for their session on Saturday, March 5th. Thus helped, I can certainly stay over for your occasion on Monday, and will do so.

Write me later on what you want me to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 23, 1954

Mr. Thomas Sutherland
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

Your letter of December 20th to Fred is a delight. That is exactly how to get things done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 23, 1954

Mr. David Burgess
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dave:

The service for Bill, and especially your part of it, was a deeply satisfying job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 23, 1954

To: Ruth Alexander

Mr. David Carroll of Bennettsville, South Carolina, did verbally to me subscribe to New South at $2.00 a year, beginning with the November '54 issue.

Will you see that he begins to get the maggie and gets a bill.

December 23, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Foster
2171 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear the Fosters:

Alice and I went night before last over to see Mrs. Campbell. She was most kind and stayed up three-fourths of an hour or so talking with us.

We knew one or two of her fellow members of the class of 1891 at Atlanta University and so really got on easy terms.

Nice to hear more about the two of you from her.

She is a lady much to be admired.

Do the two of you come back and pay her a good long visit, and come to see the Mitchells when you do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 23, 1954

Mr. M. Moran Weston
The National Council of the
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

I promised to send you a list of our people. Here it is, and a copy of the letter to Roma Gans. Same remarks re kindness apply re you.

I have written Mrs. Clarkson to see if I may go to see her early in January.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

December 23, 1954

Mrs. F. O. Clarkson
227 Cherokee Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Clarkson:

I had some conversations with Mr. Maurice Weston in New York the other day, and I would like to come and talk to you about some parents' meeting on the schools matter.

I drive my daughter North to William and Mary January 2nd and I drive myself back South from Richmond, January 5th.

Any chance I would catch you at home? Either on the way to or on the way back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 23, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Somebody among my Episcopal friends in New York told me that George D. Penick, M. D., at the University of North Carolina, is a good egg, interested in local action. I don't know whether he is kin to the Bishop, but if your inquiry confirms the account that he is a good egg, you might want to try to get him into the North Carolina Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 23, 1954

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I did hook up with David Carroll at his hotel in New York. Most interesting guy.

He is coming over here in early January for further conversations.

Also I carried through with the man, Turtulot, who had a movie up Richard de Rochemont's sleeve. We pulled out the little wiggly beginning of the movie and discussed it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 23, 1954

Mr. David Carroll
Bennetsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I am not forgetting that you promised to be in Atlanta sometime quite early in January. I shan't be back in town myself until about the 6th, but from the 6th of January forward, we will most of us be here and be expecting the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 23, 1954

Mr. Carter Wesley
The Informer
P. O. Box 3086
2418 Leeland
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

You rejoice us with the definite promise to come to the February meeting.

For the moment we can only tell you that it will almost certainly be February 19th or 26th. Will you mark both on your calendar and we will let you know shortly after Christmas which is which.

I am glad Sutherland seems to you a good fit.

My warmest wishes to you and Mrs. Wesley.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 23, 1954

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Dr. Mitchell and I have read the draft of your Emancipation Day speech and are of the same opinion: that it is up to your usual high standard of excellence and that, public-relationswise, it is unexceptionable. Mrs. Hamilton is out of the office for a day or two, but I feel confident that she would share our opinion.

I am returning the draft thus promptly with the thought that you might want to send a copy in advance to Mr. Foster and/or Mrs. Spearman, if you haven't already done so. We on the central staff have agreed that whenever any one of us is to visit a state for any purpose we will consult in advance with the appropriate state people. This serves pretty well as a device for maintaining rapport with the state groups.

I am glad that you wrote Menefee a congratulatory letter. He is certainly one of the most able and perceptive fellows we have run onto, and I strongly agree that we ought to keep up relations with him.

All good wishes of the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Flem
Assistant Di

December 23, 1954

Dr. Roma Gans
Teachers College
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Gans:

Sorry that there wasn't opportunity in my recent visit to New York for us to confer.

Here's a release on SRC's general effort.

Proceeding along that line, we have by this time substantially reorganized, but as yet unstaffed, state groups generally called Councils on Human Relations: In Florida, Davisson Dunlap, Barnett National Bank Building, Jacksonville; Arkansas, Fred Darragh, 1401 East Sixth Street, Little Rock; Kentucky, Hugh Brimm, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky; Tennessee, F. Woods Beckman, 5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville 20.

In the following states we have going shows with professional staff, which has been on the job for some weeks or months: Alabama, Robert E. Hughes, Room 206, Moore Building, Court Street, Montgomery; Georgia, Guy H. Wells, Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta; Louisiana, Milton Conrad Vigo, Louisiana Council on Human Relations, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans; North Carolina, Harry S. Jones, North Carolina Council on Human Relations, 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte; South Carolina, Mrs. Alice M. Spearman, South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, 3315 Colin Kelly Drive, Columbia; Texas, Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland, Texas Commission on Race Relations, 309 West Twenty-First Street, Austin.

In Virginia for the time being we operate through and with Emerson Smith, Secretary, Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond.

All of these organizations will be busily at work building public opinion and local action favorable to compliance with the May 17th Decision, and to other useful causes in the states.

I am sure that there are ways in which you can help them, and I hope you will do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

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December 23, 1954

Mr. James M. Ellison
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellison:

The last time I was in Richmond I met with Emerson Smith and one or two of his nearest associates, and we reached a tentative conclusion about what to do about the Southern Regional Council program in Virginia.

The general line of agreement was that a twenty-five or thirty person Virginia Council on Human Relations would be established. It would employ staff with the assistance of the Southern Regional Council. It would have to raise some money, though not frightening amounts, on its own cost. In order to prevent competitiveness with the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, we thought the proposed Virginia Council on Human Relations would avoid pushing for state-wide membership in the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

It could ask people to be contributors to or supporters of it, but the only actual members would be those who were members of the Council itself. And they would be chosen as persons active in a variety of useful organizations over the state. They wouldn't in any official way represent those organizations, but they would in all instances know the point of view of some useful group.

If you would be so kind as to jot down a list of the sort of people whom you think should be asked to be in the Council itself, I would be very grateful.

And if your list could be in Emerson Smith's hands and if we could obtain it from you by phone on January 4, that would be very helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Miss Margaret Garrity
Mrs. H. M. Silverman

December 23, 1954

Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

Here's a copy of a letter I sent to Mr. Ellison at Virginia Union.

Would you be so kind as to send me here (or if belatedly, in c/o Emerson Smith, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond), some five or six names from your part of the state that seem to you outstandingly suitable for membership on such a Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 23, 1954

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Maggie:

Could you send me here (or if belatedly to Emerson Smith's address at 109 West Grace Street in Richmond), three, four, five or six names of people in Northern Virginia who seem to you to be outstandingly suitable for inclusion on such a body.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 23, 1954

Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Picott:

I am coming to Richmond on Tuesday, January 4th to see Emerson Smith and plan with him a state-wide meeting of twenty-five or thirty people who may wish to set up a Virginia Council on Human Relations. Could you send me before then, or have ready by that time, a list of people whom you think it will be suitable to invite.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 22, 1954

Miss Betty I. Davis
School of Social Work
College of William and Mary
800 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Miss Davis:

I expect to drive to Williamsburg in the course of Sunday and Monday, January 2 and 3, to lodge my freshman daughter back into the College. So I ought to be able to be in Richmond, Tuesday, January 4, and to call on Miss Richardson of your Program Committee at the YW in Richmond that morning. If I can't find her, I will hunt for you.

If you need last minute communication with me, I am certain to be early in touch with Emerson Smith at the Virginia Council of Churches, 109 West Grace Street, Telephone 30274.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 27, 1954

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
The Virginia Council of Churches
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Here's a list of selected long-term members of SRC in Virginia. I left out a number of just good helpers, and picked for known interest, the groups they in some sense represent, and distribution over the state.

Will you ponder the list, pick the ones who ought by all means to be asked to a Virginia meeting, and add other names, and held for our conference January 4?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

Mr. Donald Becker
715 South Washington Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Berry
1021 Maltby Avenue
Norfolk 4, Virginia

Dr. Theodore F. Adams
First Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia

The Alexandria Chapter
of the Virginia Commission on
Interracial Cooperation
Mr. Earl N. Contee, Secretary
328 North Patrick Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Mrs. R. R. Barrett
Box 907
Warrenton, Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Batty
5807 Kensington Avenue
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dr. Belle Boone Beard
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Virginia

Mr. W. Barton Beatty, Jr.
Director of Public Relations
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Mr. Herman H. Bozeman
8 West Lancaster Road
Richmond, Virginia

The Right Reverend William H. Marmion
1000 First Street, S. W., Box 2068
Roanoke 9, Virginia

The Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Mr. Wilson M. Brown
Box 6-E
State Planters Bank and Trust Company
Richmond 14, Virginia

Miss Ellen C. Burke
1200 Quincy Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Miss Connie B. Chissell
1312 Princess Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Judge and Mrs. Herbert G. Cochran
1320 Harmott Avenue
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Reverend Joseph A. Curtin
Oblate Fathers
307 College Avenue
Ashland, Virginia

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Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. Robert Dady
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202 East High Street
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dr. Robert P. Daniel
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dr. F. L. Day
Ashland
Virginia

Mr. Harold DeWitt
Assistant Director of Employment
Colonial Williamsburg, Inc.
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Downing, (M.D.)
31 Centre Avenue, N. W.
Roanoke 17, Virginia

Miss Marion Dudley
Norfolk 8, Virgihia

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ellison
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Reverend J. Levering Evans
1815 West Forty-Fifth Street
Richmond 24, Virginia

Mrs. M. E. Evans
115 South West Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Miss Margaret Garrity
3571 South Stafford Street
Fairlington, Virginia

The Reverend J. Lewis Gibbs, D. D.
Box 744
Staunton, Virginia

Rt. Reverend Msgr. James Gilsenan
820 Campbell Avenue, S. W.
Roanoke, Virginia

Mr. John M. Goldsmith
Box 892
Radford, Virginia

Mrs. Sam Green
1300 Daniel Avenue
Norfolk 5, Virginia

G. Hamilton-Francis, M. D.
1024 East Liberty Street
Norfolk, Virginia

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

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Christ and St. Luke Church
Norfolk, Virginia

Mr. P. B. Young, Sr.
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

December 27, 1954

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
The Virginia Council of Churches
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

A man named Jack P. Marash is on the Program Committee for a meeting to occur in Richmond on February 25th under the auspices of the Virginia Council on Family Relations. He wrote me and asked for somebody to do the speaking -- not one of us -- just who should it be?

The subject is "Getting Ready for Desegregated Schools." I telephone him this morning and named him some people -- mostly Irene Osborne.

Would he, or some other person in his outfit, be a suitable one to be asked to our organizing meeting in Virginia? Never mind a reply, hold this one somewhere in sight for our January 5th sub-gathering, and we can do the answer verbally.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 27, 1954

Mr. Walter C. Eells
3700 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eells:

We published in September, 1951 a list of formerly white colleges and universities in Southern and border states which were then known to be open. From time to time we have revised the list, though I believe not in published form. I send you the 1951 issue of New South and the revised list as of November, 1954. Inked in additions have been made since November, 1954.

I am sorry to say that we do not know how many Negroes are in attendance at the various institutions here listed. Out of hearsay knowledge, I would say that the number at state universities in the South itself is in the Winter sessions pretty limited. Generally five or six or a dozen. But that much larger numbers attend the Summer teacher-training sessions at certain of the state universities. Notably would this be true for Arkansas and Oklahoma, and I believe for Texas and, perhaps, for Louisiana.

The University of Arkansas has a branch at Little Rock which is much patronised by Negro persons in that city. It runs Winter and Summer. I believe I have heard some such number as 500 Negro enrollees mentioned there.

Others who have written on this subject have been saying that the sum of Negroes in Southern and border state colleges and universities formerly closed to them is somewhere between 1,000 and 2,000. I would check that figure.*

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

* Meaning I agree with it.

December 27, 1954

Mr. George Stoney
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

Alice and I went, the other evening, to call on an elderly Negro lady, Mrs. Campbell, here, with one of whose daughters-in-law we had some New York acquaintance.

She had brought up a sizeable family and without exception they had done useful things and had done them well. We asked how she brought up so large a family so well. "Started the day they was born." We thought this compatible with your doctrine.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 27, 1954

Dictated December 23

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
The Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

A week or ten days ago I came through the New Orleans airport at some practicable hour of the evening, and consulting my pocket book directory of SRC personnel duly telephoned what I thought would be 1224 Ursulines Street, CAnal 4635. Some bird I never heard of answered and said he never heard of you.

Straighten me out on your place of residence and your telephone number so that I will have them correct.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 27, 1954

Miss Muriel Day
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Day:

Of course, I am at your service and will do anything I can for the Workers' Conference, October 12-15, 1955.

For a four-day stand, I suppose we would need to share the load with someone else from this office, but we can explore and arrange on that later.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 27, 1954

To: GTH

Somebody in the central office should become really expert on the details of the process of fitting schools together.

This article from Commentary has a number of small useful points in it.

I recall as one the simple item of asking high school children to leave their knives at home. For another, student interracial committees. For another, detailed instructions to the police.

What should we do to build up an expertise in these lesser things that would accompany skills desegregation-wise?

December 27, 1954

Dictated December 23

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I can't find in my own mind, nor in that of others on the staff, support for the idea you called Harold about and described in your most thoughtful letter of December 20. For good or for ill, the press in this country insists that everybody who gets out into the public eye should run the gauntlet of comment and criticism. That's the way America chooses to learn as much as it learns of the truth. Any effort, however delicate, to get a concerted and almost syndical side arrangement would be met with screams of protest.

So, it seems to me the thing to do is to play the regular game and have at hand the truth. Then when somebody squawks at you with a lie, pass out the truth. I think Americans respect that procedure and only that procedure.

Your letter spurs us to push the harder with the ten-year business.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 27, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Katherine Stoney

From: GSM

I give tentative approval, subject to your wishes, to an arrangement discussed with Fred Routh.

The Florida Division needs to have performed some additional travel to a number of points in the state to reawaken interest and sample opinion preparatory to the final launching of their program in January, 1955.

They want Fred Routh to come down and do the travel. Fred wants to drive in order to reach the various places. That will be an expensive trip. I will be willing to approve it on the condition that one-half of Routh's sum of the travel voucher be paid from the to-be-made travel to Florida Council for the eight or nine months subsidy period remaining for Florida prior to September 30, 1955.

Ordinarily we would not from this office perform the detailed travel on behalf of the organizational efforts of the state groups. But as Routh is from Florida and can perform the travel advantageously, it seems to me desirable. On the other hand, I would like the state to feel that it must bear a reasonable proportion of the cost involved.

December 27, 1954

Mr. J. Lewis Henderson
706 Hancock Street
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

Dear Lewis:

I came across what records your membership in SRC t'other day. We followed you around, to Little "ock and to Denver, and sent you bills every now and then, but by record the last time you sent in hon. dues was in 1952. Catch up with yourself, if you can. Never mind all the intervenes -- just come abreast! Supposed to be three dollars a year. We will hope business has been good.

Rabbi Mantinband, at 808 Mamie Street, in Hattiesburg, is your Mississippi Chairman. The outfit has lately reorganized some, and with help we are now happily able to give is engaging joint secretaries January 1, with offices at Jackson. A Methodist minister named Dickson and Mrs. Lyells.

Write me the news.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 27, 1954

Mr. George Meaney
President
The American Federation of Labor
1525 "H" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meaney:

I write to ask the American Federation of Labor to consider again for 1955 the grant of $1,000 which was so kindly given in 1954 and in 1953.

The Southern Regional Council's general program notably fits into the effort of component unions of the American Federation of Labor to extend their influence in the South. We help prepare a public opinion respectful of the rights and dignity of all the people of the region. And we are insistent at every turn that one of the most important rights to be respected is the right of every individual to join the trade or professional organization appropriate to his calling, and within that calling to move as far along as ability warrants.

As the Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, I have, myself, had the important privilege of working during 1954 with both the Southeastern A. F. of L. Labor School at Charlottesville, Virginia, and the Southwestern A. F. of L. Labor School at Mineral Wells, Texas. Also the Kentucky Labor school used me for one week of its sessions at Lexington last Summer. Occasionally, also, the Council has been called on to assist short training institutes for various national and international unions.

The work with the A. F. of L. Labor Schools has been rewarding to us in the Council and I think to the leadership of the A. F. of L. in the South. John Conners and his associates I believe would back me up on this. I know that I have learned out of that most intimate and delicate discussion with Southern leadership people that the trade union movement in the South is much farther along in willingness to assist equal opportunity than is ordinarily believed. Everywhere I went the union people said, "Mitchell, this thing is coming," and they were disposed not to resist it but to find out how to work with it.

The grant which the A. F. of L. has made to us is invaluable.

While we have been given substantial new resources from the Fund for the Republic in order to strengthen race relations agencies in each of twelve Southern states, we still have to raise a considerably larger sum than ever before in order to match this grant. Happily, the new opportunity will make possible stronger local links between the Southern Regional Council's friends in each state and the labor leadership.

If at an appropriate time the A. F. of L. will give consideration to this request, we would be most grateful.

I will send in to you, as early in 1955 as it will be available, an audit of the SRC audit for the year, 1954.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. John Conners

December 28, 1954

Mr. David J. McDonald
President
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We are all of us hereabouts saddened by the death of Bill Crawford. I was close enough to him to have some knowledge of the magnificent way in which the Steelworkers stood behind him in his illness. The funeral was a sad occasion of course, but it was also one in which the strength and loyalty of steel workers in the South was made evident.

I write to ask again that the United Steelworkers in 1955 make an appropriation to the Southern Regional Council of $1,000.

The purposes of your Union and the purposes of the Southern Regional Council run a close parallel, and, happily, through all these years the link has been strong. We help to prepare public opinion for the changes that continue to come in race relations; and your people operate those changes in detail.

It will be said that as the Fund for the Republic has given a significant grant to the Southern Regional Council, our friends who have stayed with us in lean years can put their help elsewhere. But the grant from the Fund for the Republic is to enable us to put vigorous race relations agencies into each of twelve Southern states where they can help better the climate of opinion, and it is a firm condition of the grant that the Southern Regional Council must obtain from its own friends, independently, considerably larger sums than ever before.

So, I ask that Steel help us again for this coming year. Your people here will agree that we do a useful job. And, certainly, I and all my staff praise out of experience, the ready understanding and helpfulness of the United Steelworkers of America.

We will send on an audit of the Southern Regional Council for the year 1954 as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 28, 1954

Mrs. Donald Poole
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Poole:

The time has come again for the leaders of the church women to come together to face the reactions of the South to ~~against~~ the Supreme Court decision. You were such a help to us at our meeting in '53, we hope you will be with us when we meet after the first of the year. We're sending out letters to the various leaders to find open dates. I would very much appreciate it if you would give me the open dates you have through February, March and April.

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and I send my best wishes to you as you lead the Lutheran women of Georgia and Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly

MET/rnf

December 28, 1954

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

The Whitney Foundation has given me funds that make it possible to bring together the women church leadership in the South again and the purpose of this letter is to find your open dates for I feel it would be most necessary to have you with us. I will have ready for such a meeting the pronouncements of the overhead church bodies on the Supreme Court decision and the reactions at the grass roots. Also all the information we can gather about this pernicious organization called Citizens Committee. I hope that out of a two-day conference we might find a unified program of education that would be carried on jointly by the various denominations. In some respects this crisis in the South is the most serious one we have faced I suppose since the days of Reconstruction but in other ways it presents a challenge that stirs you to action as no mild threat could arouse action.

There is some probability of my being in New York in the next few days. If so, I will call you and discuss all of it with you. I hope you had a much needed rest and a happy time during Christmas. A heart full of love from Mr. Tilly and myself.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 28, 1954

Mrs. E.U. Robinson
675 N. Water Street
Gallatin, Tenn.

Dear Ruth:

It was most gracious of you to give me those hours in Nashville amid your heavy schedule of buying furniture for the new home and your Christmas shopping. I want to thank you and say that I thoroughly enjoyed the hours with you.

I came home to find that one of the foundations sent a check to the Southern Regional Council for the work with the church women. This makes it possible to have another conference and now I'm trying to find a date. Look over your schedule and see what dates you can hold. I have written to Thelma and will write to the leadership of other denominations. This will be a two-day conference and I will have the funds for travel and hotel. Surely never before has it been more important for Southern church women to get together to find a common program and a united voice to lift our South on a higher plane of human relations. As it was Southern women who rid the South of lynching so it must be the Southern church women who will pave the way for obedience to the Supreme Court decision on the schools.

I will see you at the Jurisdiction meeting in Charlotte. In the meantime watch your dates for me.

Love and best wishes,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly

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12/28/54

Dear Mr. Reuther:

I write to you early to ask to be considered by the Congress of Industrial Organizations for a grant of $1,000 to the Southern Regional Council in 1955. The Congress of Industrial Organizations gave us this sum last year, much to our help and gratification.

The Southern Regional Council and the labor movement in the South have a great deal in common. We are both after equal opportunity, and we both try to get it in detail. Fortunately there is the prospect of considerable additional work on our part because this last year the Fund for the Republic made us a substantial grant to enable us to put paid professional staff into each of twelve race relations agencies in twelve Southern states. That means much greater strength in localities than our Council has ever had before. I read, for instance, only this morning that the new man employed by our Texas affiliate -- The Texas Commission on Race Relations -- betook himself in the first weeks of his employment to the Texas C. I. O. Convention to strengthen his friendships there.

Stanley Ruttenberg and George Guernsey will tell you that the Council has been of assistance in the general task of the Congress of Industrial Organizations in preparing public opinion for equal respect for every man's rights. I met twice during 1954 with C. I. O. training institutes at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, and I have served for short-run training courses by various national and international unions of the C. I. O. held at scattered places over the South.

As soon as the audit for the Southern Regional Council for the year 1954 has been completed, a copy will be sent on to you. Meanwhile, I write to ask that in the making up of budgets for 1955 the Executive Council give serious consideration to the continuing need and usefulness of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. George Guernsey

December 28, 1954

Mrs. Anna Owers
R.R. 1, Box 845
Melbourne, Florida

Dear Mrs. Owers:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry about the possibilities of supplying a speaker for your January 5th meeting. We have several people in your vicinity who will be well qualified to speak to such a group. I am enclosing both of their names and suggest that you contact them personally mentioning in the letter that the central office supplied their names.

Mrs. John (Kathryn) Hanna
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
1326 N.W. Tenth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Mrs. Hanna is a historian of some repute in the state of Florida and has been a member of our Council for a good many years. I understand both she and her husband are retiring from active teaching at Rollins.

Mrs. Starr has lectured on the Council and on race relations both here in this country and in Japan where her husband was stationed in the Army.

I am sure either of these ladies will more than fill the bill and leave the choice entirely in your good hands. Both Winter Park and Gainesville are sufficiently close that the cost of transportation to your group would be modest.

Thanks once more for your letter and we will notify you when the reorganization of the Florida membership is complete for we are planning to establish a state office, probably in Orlando, in the not too distant future and of course this would greatly facilitate the fulfillment of such requests as yours. I am enclosing for your information our little pamphlet "Toward the South of the Future."

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/rnf

December 28, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Katherine Stoney tells me that she has not had the monthly financial reports from you for October and November. And now the December one looms.

We are under obligation to prepare financial figures pretty completely each quarter and we will need all the facts from South Carolina on or about January 3rd.

I understand that you have had some problem in getting together with Miss Reid on fiscal matters. But I urge you to do your best to meet our requirements too.

And I would welcome a letter from you once in a while saying how you are doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 28, 1954

Mr. Milton Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I notice that a letter addressed to Mr. D'Orlando at the First Unitarian Church, New Orleans, comes back to us for an address. Can you fill us in with a correct one?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 28, 1954

Mr. L. S. Buckmaster
President
United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum & Plastic
Workers of America
URW Building
High at Mill Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Buckmaster:

Time again to ask the Rubber Workers to consider help for 1955 to the Southern Regional Council. You found us a welcome $200 this last year, and we hope the Union will do as much for us again in 1955.

You and Mr. Walker, I am sure, are both aware of the way the Southern Regional Council works, and of our usefulness to the Rubber Workers and to the union movement in general in preparing public opinion for the changes pressing ever more earnestly in race relations in the South. We like and praise your Union and you were kind enough to praise the Council the last time you were all here in Atlanta.

We have done a very considerable job this last year in getting out to the South a temperate and constructive view of how to achieve unsegregated public schools. I am sure you haven't got time to read many pamphlets, but if you will flip through this one and examine the map at the back of it, I think you will find it worthwhile.

Let no one tell you that because the Southern Regional Council has had a sizeable grant from the Fund for the Republic it is now on easy street and needs no further help! The truth is that it takes more than we have received to do the job of launching in a dozen Southern states on-going race relations agencies -- which is what the grant was for. And, also, we are required to obtain on our own and from our friends, a considerably larger sum than ever we have had to put together before. So we really need the Rubber Workers' contribution, in hard cash.

The warmest thanks to the Union for checking us over and deciding.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. We will be sending you an audit for 1954 as soon as it is available.

December 28, 1954

Mr. Thos. S. Sutherland, Ex. Sec.
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for sending us monthly report Number One of the Texas Commission, the news release of December 11th, and the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

I like the idea of the monthly report very much. I think it would be wise, if possible, to send a similar report or news letter to your membership across the state thus keeping them abreast of developments in the state. In looking over the report, I am impressed with the visit to Mr. Lazarus and the CIO Convention in particular. It is thoughtful, careful action such as this that means so much in spelling out on a day by day basis the concepts under which we work.

The news release is a good one. It says accurately and adequately what the program of the Commission is. It identifies you and the Commission with Texas which, of course, is terribly important. It shows that the Texas Commission is taking competent, respectable action in this field without in any way compromising our position.

The minutes of the meeting certainly are complete. Like you, I would agree that after this a summary of discussion plus the outlining of decisions made would probably be adequate enough. One thing I might comment on under the section labeled "Mr. Fred Routh, SRC Representative, Introduced" it says that the "central office does not attempt to evaluate the work done by state groups." I think what I said at that time was that we do not seek to pass value-judgment on state programs but certainly we do seek to evaluate with the state boards and state directors the work that is being done. We do not do this in a vacuum setting in our red brick tower in Atlanta but rather in the field with the people involved. But certainly I think it is important to evaluate what we are doing as we go along. Too many agencies in this field are afraid to honestly evaluate the results of their efforts. We have no reason to follow their lead.

My best regards to your family and to my friends out there with the Texas Commission. I look forward to visiting you again sometime in the future when I can be of help. George Mitchell was particularly impressed with the word you sent back on negotiating through conservative channels with the school board people. I am really glad that you are the Executive Secretary of the Texas Commission and I know that means the work is in good hands.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/rnf

December 28, 1954

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Chrmn.
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Brim:

I have compiled for the Southern Regional Council the statements made by church groups on the Supreme Court decision on segregation in the public schools.

I'm now trying to build up a file on the reactions in states and local communities to the pronouncements made by national and regional church bodies. I would like very much to have these statements made by the Baptist Conventions in Alabama, Florida, the Carolinas, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana and Texas. I'm not sure you can furnish these to me but if you can we would appreciate it and it will help us in our study of ways of reaching disturbed communities.

Sometime in the Spring, either March or April, we will bring together the leadership of church women as we would when you were with us some years ago. I most surely want you to be with us at this two-day conference. Of course I will give you dates and further information later.

With every good wish to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 28, 1954

Mrs. Sheila C. Kislik
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Kislik:

Many thanks for your letter of November 10th with its accompanying list of key people in Southern and border state communities.

I offer the enclosed additions to the list.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville

TEXAS

Mrs. N. B. Aycox
Texas Commission on Race Relations (SRC)
Texas Southern University
3201 Wheeler Street
Houston

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
Executive Secretary
Texas Commission on Race Relations (SRC)
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin (Austin 7-8819)

December 28, 1954

Mr. David Dubinsky
International Ladies Garment
Workers' Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

I am back again requesting the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union's kind help to the Southern Regional Council for 1955.

I think your organizing staff in the principal Southern spots like us, and I am satisfied that Art Elder and others on your staff like us also. I had the honor, at the training institute, of being with the new men and women for a couple of days last month.

The International Ladies Garment Workers and the Southern Regional Council share most Southern purposes in common. We have done some useful things in preparing Southern public opinion for unsegregated schools; and we are now hard at work with the proceeds of a grant from the Fund for the Republic in getting new professionally-staffed race relations organizations really going in a dozen Southern states. Most of them are already at work and all of them will be glad to be helpful to your people anywhere in the South.

The grant from the Fund for the Republic by no means erases our need for help from our friends! We need to obtain considerably larger sums from others than we have ever had to before. Not merely to meet the budget, but to do the matching reasonably required of us from the Fund for the Republic. So, we are warmly hopeful that I.L.G. will carry us again in 1955 for $500. I really think we are deserving of even more if you can find room on the I.L.G's long list of aided causes, but we will be deeply grateful again for $500.

We will be sending up an audit for 1954 as soon as we can get it made. Meanwhile, my admiration for the novel and constructive statesmanship which you have shown in the matter of Appomattox Courthouse and in the "special withholding" for the benefit of the as yet non-union Southern group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 29, 1954

Mr. Alex Miller
Anti-Defamation League
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Alex:

I will arrive in New York in the late afternoon of January 4th -- that is if the plane flies -- and will have two days in the city. I will call your office for I certainly want to see you while I'm there. I will be registered at the Prince George Hotel.

Best wishes to all the Millers.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 29, 1954

Miss Esther Stamats
United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I will be in New York Wednesday and Thursday, January 5th and 6th, and I am very anxious to have a conference with you. I would like it on Wednesday if at all possible, in the morning. I am leaving here by plane at 2:40 pm Tuesday. A letter from you by return mail would reach me here before I leave. I will be registered at the Prince George Hotel if you wish to reach me by telephone.

We of the Southern Regional Council are now planning to bring the interdenominational and interracial church leaders together for a two-day conference to work out a program for easing the tensions in the integration of the public schools. I sincerely hope you will have some time to give to me on this. If Wednesday is not convenient for you, I may be able to squeeze it in on Thursday.

With the best of New Year wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Womens Work

MET/rnf

December 29, 1954

Miss Margaret Forsythe
Y.W.C.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Forsythe:

I will be in New York on January 5th and 6th and I would like very much to see you on the morning of the 6th as we of the Southern Regional Council are planning another conference of church women like the one you attended some years ago. I will leave here at 2:40 pm Tuesday and if you will find it convenient to write by return mail I would receive your letter before I leave. I will be registered at the Prince George Hotel if you wish to reach me by telephone.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 29, 1954

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I find now that I will be in New York Wednesday and Thursday, January 5th and 6th. I would like to see you early Wednesday morning it at all possible. I think it will not take too long a while for the conference. I will certainly be merciful as I know you're getting ready for the meeting in Cincinnati. I am leaving here by plane at 2:40 pm Tuesday. A letter by return mail would reach me here before I leave. I will arrive in New York on Tuesday afternoon and will be registered at the Prince George Hotel.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 29, 1954

Mrs. J.H. Whitney
J.H. Whitney Foundation
650 Fifth Avenue - Rm. 3461
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Whitney:

Dr. Charles Johnson has written that you would like to see me when I happen to be in New York. I find now that I will be there January 5th, 6th and possibly 7th. I will be registered at the Prince George Hotel. If you find this is a convenient time for you to see me you can reach me there.

We of the Southern Regional Council are very grateful for the check of $1000 received from the Whitney Foundation for the work I am promoting with the church women groups of the three faiths and both races of the South. We are planning now a conference in early Spring when we bring this leadership together that we might find a common program of easing the tensions in the integration of the public schools.

Deeply grateful for your interest and for the gift received from the Whitney Foundation, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 29, 1954

Dr. Roscoe Giffin
Sociology Department
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Giffin:

We have just about enough remaining copies of the October issue of New South to supply your needs, available at the cost price of ten cents. It has been a very popular issue, and we welcome your letter as further confirmation of the fact that others share our high opinion of Menefee's report. Let me know what you decide and we will comply promptly.

The forthcoming publication mentioned by Mrs. Hamilton is scheduled for mid-January (as the December-January issue of New South). It will be entitled "Changing Patterns in the New South"; approximately 120 pages, paper bound; some forty selections from past issues of New South laying out the main trends in race relations during the past ten years. We are printing several thousand extra copies with the thought that they will be uniquely useful for social science classes and study groups of various kinds. Unit cost, fifty cents. You will receive a copy on publication, and we hope you will find it a useful tool for your classes.

All good wishes for the New Year from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

TO: Katherine Stoney

On this I have told Fred that he might plan on attending the annual membership meeting of NAIRO at Council expense, and on attending a single Board meeting of NAIRO at Council expense in any one year. But that otherwise for the Board meetings he should ask them to contrive ways to get his expenses paid, or to do without. And he agrees. So, let's just not pay but two NAIRO vouchers a year.

Encl.

December 29, 1954

December 29, 1954

Mr. Thomas Robinson
Publisher
Charlotte News
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Robinson:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council last month, the Council did themselves the honor of electing you to membership on the Board.

Under the Council's By-Laws, the Board of Directors -- which is the Council -- is composed of fifty persons elected at the final general membership meeting in 1953, the officers, and two persons chosen by each of a dozen affiliated state organizations. Thus the Board is all told some eighty persons.

I attach a list of those who are presently members. I have underscored the North Carolina members.

The Council goes back to the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation begun in 1919, and we organized under the Southern Regional Council in 1944. A statement of policy and purposes is enclosed.

The Board meets once a year, and expenses of the members are paid to the meeting. The Board has the fundamental policy determination for the Southern Regional Council, and its meetings are of real worth.

We have many friends in Charlotte who will know about the Council. I think of C. A. McKnight now at Nashville, and of Judge and Mrs. Clarkson, and of various of our friends at Johnson C. Smith University.

The Council using the proceeds of a grant from the Fund for the Republic has been able in the last several months to put paid professional staff into race relations agencies in each of twelve Southern states. You have in Charlotte, at 121 East Third Street, the office of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, of which Harry S. Jones is the Executive Director. The North Carolina group has, of course, its own Board, and we are asking you to be good enough to serve on the Board of the overall agency -- the Southern Regional Council.

I do hope that after you inquire about, you will find us sufficiently esteemed to warrant your coming on to the Board, and will write me to that effect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones

December 29, 1954

Attorney Hugo Black, Jr.
Brown Marx Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

Some weeks ago at the annual meeting of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, the Board did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the five or six vacancies on it. I do hope that after consideration, you can write me that you will wish to serve.

The Council descends from the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation which began in 1919. The program was reorganized under the Southern Regional Council in 1944. We have sought and, we think, have deserved some reputation in the South for sober, temperate, and informed efforts to increase the sum of interracial understanding and justice within the South. An accurate statement of policy is contained in the enclosed, adopted in 1951.

More lately, as you will have heard, we have had a substantial grant from the Fund for the Republic and have been using it to get reestablished in each of twelve Southern states a race relations agency with paid professional staff. In Alabama this group, which until recently called itself the Alabama Division of SRC, has reorganized as the Alabama Council on Human Relations.

It has offices at Montgomery, and its Executive Director is a young Methodist minister named Robert Hughes. But, it is on the Board of the overall agency -- the Southern Regional Council -- that we ask you to serve.

The Board meets once a year. It is made up of about eighty persons, two-thirds of them elected from the South generally, and twenty-five or so from the various component state agencies like the Alabama Council on Human Relations. The Council covers the expenses of attendance at annual meetings and they have generally been interesting and important gatherings. The Board is by no means somnolent; it has, and uses, final policy authority in the show.

I send a list of those presently on the Board, with the Alabama members underscored.

The Council would feel itself really assisted if you would come on to its Board, and I hope that you can write me that you will.

Sincerely,

GSM/eab
Encls.
cc: Mr. Robert Hughes

George S. Mitchell

To: Fred Routh

Will you make it your business in the next several weeks to employ each useful opportunity to gather from the states which have not as yet elected their members of the Board of SRC, their elections.

Unless we seize the precious occasion of annual meetings, we are apt to lose on this for a year.

I would like to be able to say by next Spring sometime that with hardly an exception each state has its two members on our Board

cc: HCF
GTH
KS

December 29, 1954

Daily File copy

December 29, 1954

Mr. Lewis Jones
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have some ideas to communicate about the 1955 Tuskegee Report on Violence.

If you can telephone me, either Friday morning, December 31st, or at the end of next w eek, say January 7th, I expect to be around. The office phone is Walnut 1821. Call me collect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 29, 1954

The Honorable Brooks Hays
U. S. Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

Can you have someone in your office find me a copy of Brazila Carroll Reece's report on foundations and mail it to me?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 30, 1954

Mr. Paul C. Smith, Ed.-in-Ch.
Woman's Home Companion
640 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Southern Regional Council, working in the field of human relations, is very appreciative of your story of the integration of the public schools of Washington, D.C.

We are writing to inquire if it is possible to get reprints of the article which is carried in your December issue. This would be very valuable for organizations in the South especially. We would appreciate it if you would advise us if reprints are available.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 30, 1954

Mr. Walter White, Ex. Dir.
National Office - N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. White:

I will be in New York on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, January 5th and 6th, and will be registered at the Prince George Hotel. I would like very much to see you and Mr. Wilkins while I am there.

I spent a week in Mississippi and, of course, came back very disturbed over the situation. I believe you have further information on the "Citizens' Councils." I would like very much to have a conference with you especially about this.

We are planning to bring the church women's leadership of the three faiths and two races together in the early Spring to work out a common program for easing the tensions in the integration of schools and I will need help from your organization.

I understand that you are not well but I hope you will be strong enough to see me. With the best of New Year wishes for you and Mrs. White, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 30, 1954

Miss Betty Carter
Woman's Home Companion
640 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Carter:

We are very much interested in the splendid service you are giving to women's groups in your "package of ideas" every month. In the December number of Woman's Home Companion we see how well they fit in for help in adult education classes.

In this connection we have a suggestion to make to you. Our suggestion is that you prepare a "package of ideas" on the Supreme Court decision on public schools and ways in which the integration can take place on the local level. Such a packet is really a crying need in at least twenty-two of the states of the Union and we believe will be welcomed everywhere by the clubs you serve. Under separate cover we are mailing to you some of the pamphlets that have been prepared by our organization.

Trusting our suggestion may receive your serious consideration, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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enclosures: Answers for Action
Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision on Seg. Schools
SRC - Towards the South of the Future
New South - Appalachian South
" " - Segregation in the Schools
" " - The Churches Speak

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Please [illegible]

December 30, 1954

Mr. Roy Wilkins
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

I will be in New York on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, January 5th and 6th, and will be registered at the Prince George Hotel.

I would like to see you Wednesday afternoon, any hour, or about noon on Thursday. Please save some time for me.

We are concerned especially about the "Citizens" Councils" and I would like to get all the information you have about this pernicious organization and to discuss with you a meeting the SRC will have in the early Spring of the leadership of the women's church groups of the three faiths and both races.

I will be deeply grateful to you if you will give me the time for this conference. The best of New Year wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

December 31, 1954

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

It is not good practice for me, on behalf of the whole show, without consulting the rest of the staff or anybody on the Executive Committee, to make firm commitments as to staff arrangements for the future, when they involve goodish sums of money.

The arrangement we discussed yesterday of your coming in for two consecutive months in the Summer of 1955 at straight salary, seems to me eminently desired but I would not wish to clinch it until about January 10th or 11th, at which time I can have discussed it with others whose business it is properly also.

I say this cautionarily, though I think everyone will be only too delighted with the arrangement. The only problem is budgets, and budgets are a problem!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 31, 1954

AIR MAIL

Mr. Johnny G. Hicks
524 South Lewis
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Hicks:

Mighty kind of you to remember. I am free for the 5th and 6th of February, and would be glad to come to Tulsa for the Institute. I figure, with travel expenses and a modest honorarium to the Southern Regional Council, the whole bill would be about $200.

I will hold the days on the calendar and you write me whether that is all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 31, 1954

Dr. Preston Valien
Chairman
Social Science Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Valien:

I have let myself get promised away for January 21st and 22nd. So, unfortunately, I won't be able to get to Nashville for the Interorganizational Conference.

But I am asking Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Tilly, and Mr. C. H. Parrish to represent the Southern Regional Council at the meetings.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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cc: Mr. C. H. Parrish
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December 31, 1954

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Many thanks for dope.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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Background sheet prepared at Mrs. Tilly's request for the information of Dr. Harvey C. Holland, member of the Budget Committee, Methodist Board of National Missions.

HCF/mf

REPORT ON RECEIPTS FROM METHODIST CHURCH -- SRC

From the Board of National Missions

We have received $1,000 per year from 1944 through their fiscal year which ended May 31, 1954. Apparently no appropriation made for the year June 1954 to May 31, 1955.

From General Board of Education

Received $250. each year from 1946 through 1948
Received $200. in 1949, 1950, 1951
Received $250. in 1953
Received $300. in 1954

Woman's Division of Christian Service

Received $1,000 each year from 1946 through 1950
Received $1,100 in 1951
Received $1,200 in 1952, 1953 and 1954

Have received gifts of $50. each year from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, WSCS and $25. each from the various conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS.

The Southern Regional Council was organised in 1944, as the successor to the Southwide Commission on Interracial Cooperation. It was chartered by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Mr. Ralph McGill, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, and Dr. Rufus E. Clement. The aim of the Council is to achieve, through education and action programs, the ideal of equal opportunity for all the South's people.

Like the Commission before it, the Southern Regional Council from the beginning has had the active support and participation of lay men and women and the clergy of the various denominations, and particularly of The Methodist Church. Mrs. M.E. Tilly, former Jurisdictional Secretary, Christian Social Relations, has directed women's work for the Council since its inception and is still one of its most valued and effective staff members. Over the years, the Council has worked closely with Methodist leadership in planning and implementing the Social Action Program of the Church. Most recently, Dr. George S. Mitchell, executive director, has consulted closely with the Board of Social Economic Relations. The Council's materials on race relations have been widely used by Methodist groups.

The working relations between the Council and Methodists has been strengthened by steady and generous financial aid to the Council by various Methodist bodies. (See itemisation attached.)

The present challenge facing the South imposes an unprecedented task on those who are seeking Christian and democratic solutions to the problem of segregation. The Southern Regional Council is looked to as one of the few resources in the South to which groups and individuals can turn for help and guidance. A recent grant to the Council from the Fund for the Republic has made it possible to assist forward-looking people of both races to establish staffed human relations groups affiliated with the regional organization. However, the grant is far from enough to finance this activity alone in the twelve Southern states. To do that job successfully, and to maintain its central services and publications program, the Council must rely more heavily than ever on those who have recognised the critical importance of this work to the nation and the world.

December 31, 1954

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GREENVILLE'S BIG IDEA GROWS

The BIG IDEA refers to the Self Survey of Conditions Affecting the Negro Population of the Greenville, South Carolina Area. The fact finding was conducted by more than 200 citizens of both Negro and white races during the summer and fall of 1949. Committees compiled reports and made recommendations.

The Community Council, working with citizen groups throughout, made these findings available to the public, thus encouraging the translation of the recommendations into action.

The Big Idea began to pay off in specific improvements even during the study, and many additional improvements have come about since. It is difficult to say how many of the results directly came from the study. Perhaps it would be better to say the study contributed to a "climate of opinion," which nourished the findings, stimulated thinking, physical improvements and long range planning. It is this "climate of opinion," undoubtedly, which has made many things possible, and which will continue to influence our people and bring about progressive changes in our community.

The study has been reproduced in two forms: "Everybody's Business," a mimeographed, detailed 85-page booklet, and "Greenville's Big Idea," a smaller, illustrated, printed summary of 32 pages.

"The Big Idea Grows" is an attempt to bring up to date the tangible results of Greenville's Self Survey, realized within four years of the completion and publicizing of the citizens' findings.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL
112 W. McBee Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

THESE THINGS HAPPENED WHILE THE STUDY WAS BEING MADE:

1. General interest was taken in improving recreational opportunities. An option was taken on land for a State Park.
2. The Greenville American, Negro Newspaper, was published January 1950 to November 1951. It was then combined with the Atlanta World, giving subscribers a larger weekly paper, with sections devoted to local Negro and community news.
3. A maternal care project was begun by the Auxiliary to the County Medical Society.
4. Blinker lights were installed at Negro school crossings for safety.
5. Interest was shown in improving educational opportunities throughout the county.
6. Negro doctors began attending meetings of Greenville Medical Society.
7. A Negro chapter of the Red Cross Gray Ladies was formed, volunteers to serve in Negro wards of the Greenville General Hospital.
8. The YWCA Branch Program for Negroes began experimentally.
9. Better housing was proposed and slum clearance projects got underway.
10. A new elementary school was planned for the Nicholtown area.
11. There was increased awareness of the unhealthy conditions under which many Negro families have had to live.
12. The City Health Department condemned several slum houses.
13. Daily newspapers improved noticeably in handling news about Negroes: the word Negro is now properly capitalized; newsworthy pictures of Negroes are used.
14. City Council appointed a special committee to investigate employment of Negro policemen.
15. Intangible gains of the study:

    a. brought people together, not as people of two races, but as citizens with a common purpose;
    b. strengthened Recreation-Education Division of Community Council;
    c. promoted leadership and purpose in the Negro community itself;
    d. opened channels of communication between white and Negro citizens;
    c. gave citizens specific proposals for community social improvement.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE STUDY WAS COMPLETED?

JULY 1953 - JULY 1954

(1) The Fourth Annual Human Growth and Development Institute was held in September of 1953 and for the first time was interracial.

(2) The Social Workers Luncheon Club, which meets monthly, is interracial.

(3) A Negro Farm Bureau was organized.

(4) New Maternity Shelter built. This institution was formerly for all white; will now accommodate Negro women in one ward. Negro babies have been served here for some time.

(5) Happy Hearts Negro Park received funds from County Legislative Delegation to help operate a similar program.

(6) Negroes continue to be represented on more and more community boards, commissions and committees.

COMPLETION OF SURVEY TO JULY 1953

Community Participation

(1) Two Negro YWCA members were elected to the YWCA Board for the first time.

(2) Community Council membership meetings are now open to all citizens of the community and a Negro is on the Council Board for the first time.

(3) The Annual meeting of Community Chest is open to all citizens. Three Negro citizens are now serving on the Community Chest Budget Committee.

(4) The number of places where interracial meetings are held has been increased. Prior to the study, Negro and white had met together in a few places, but only after the study were places opened broadly. Among the places where such meetings are held at present, are churches (Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, Fourth Presbyterian and others); schools, agencies (Salvation Army, YWCA, Phillis Wheatley, Community Council); public auditoriums (new County Court House, City Hall, County Office Building).

(5) A Negro Business and Professional Men's Club has been organized for the purpose of fostering civic and social betterment of community life.

(6) In a recent Polio drive to select the "most beautiful man," a Negro was given the greatest applause for being most popular among some thirty candidates for the "most beautiful man" contest. This recognition came from an audience made up of mostly white people.

Community Participation (continued)

(7) On July 18th, 1953 at the Parker High School Auditorium, before an all-white audience, a Negro girl won first place among 41 participants on the USA Talent Show contest conducted by a local radio station. The applause meter record determined the winner.

(8) The solicitation of Negroes in the Community Chest Campaign has been largely merged with solicitation of other business and professional divisions of the campaign. The term "Negro Division" has been done away with at the request of the Negroes.

Education

(1) The State General Assembly set up an educational Finance Commission to direct an extensive program to promote the improvement of schools and their physical facilities. Emphasis is being given to the providing of equal facilities for Negroes. Such conditions as double sessions are to be eliminated.

(2) The School District of Greenville County, Number 520 has been created replacing the former system of 82 separate school districts in the county.

(3) Bus transportation for Negro and white children is now on the same basis. For example, at the beginning of the 1951-52 school term, five buses were transporting county students to Sterling High School and one school bus was transporting students between Lowndes Hill Section and Nicholtown School, both for the first time.

(4) Free textbooks are now provided all school children in the county.

(5) There is improved instruction and supervision of education throughout the county.

(6) A new lunch room and rest room have been built in the Brutontown School and the West Greenville School in the Parker District.

(7) A new elementary school of 26 rooms has been completed in the Nicholtown area of Greenville.

(8) Up to January 1, 1953, $1,729,407.28 had been allocated to Greenville County for the purchase of sites and the construction of additions or new buildings for Negro schools of Greenville County. These funds have been made possible through the South Carolina Sales Tax. Some of the major projects, either underway or to be completed in the near future, are: a High School in the southern part of the County in the Fountain Inn Simpsonville Attendance Area; an Elementary School in the Ellen-Woodside Attendance Area, the St. Mark's Elementary School in the Taylors-Greer Area, and the Travelers Rest Elementary School. Eight additional rooms will also be added to the Gower School in Greenville.

Education (continued)

(9) A full physical education and health education program for the entire County is now being conducted for all Negroes with special emphasis being placed on the opportunities after school.

(10) Much interest has been shown in adult education work with the objective of increasing these opportunities whenever possible.

Health

(1) The Gower Street School P.T.A. and City Health Department jointly sponsored a clean-up campaign in that neighborhood.

(2) Greenville General Hospital Board made available staff privileges to doctors, based on medical qualifications and ethical standards.

(3) Two Institutes on Human Growth and Development were planned jointly, the courses being offered Negro and white simultaneously, but at different locations.

(4) Work progressed toward an enlarged General Hospital which will provide many additional facilities and services to Negroes.

(5) The application of physicians to the Greenville County Medical Society is acted upon according to qualifications and ethical standards, without regard to race or creed.

(6) The Human Growth and Development Institute for September 1953 will be non-segregated; previous Institutes have been on a segregated basis.

(7) The three local Negro dentists are helping provide dental care for children who are unable to pay.

(8) Greenville General Hospital has had 40 beds for Negroes; these will be increased, during the coming year, to approximately 70, including semi-private and private accommodations for the first time.

Housing

(1) The City Council took a strong stand relative to Negro housing to make possible a low income Federal Housing Project of 348 units called Field Crest Village. The Project was completed during spring of 1952.

(2) The Roosevelt Heights Housing Project of 300 units was completed during 1950.

(3) The local Housing Authority completed the Slum Clearance Survey which disclosed that of all slum dwellings needing replacement 85% are Negro and 15% white. An effort is being made to improve the slum areas either by a complete re-development or renovation of buildings so they will conform with the City Code, which is considered adequate.

Housing (continued)

(4) A local Negro citizen is developing a restricted Negro residential area which was very much needed.

Industry and Employment

(1) A local radio station was hired for commercial time for the first time in connection with the opening of a new Negro business.

(2) Another Negro cab company with six cabs and its own radio system is now serving the population.

(3) Greenville now has a Negro lawyer who came to the city late in 1951.

(4) A Negro has been employed as Field Representative by a national distributing company to cover several states, including South Carolina.

(5) Four Negroes have been regularly employed as announcers by a local radio station.

(6) A local white-owned business promoted their Negro delivery man to a skilled job in their plant.

(7) During the past four years three Negro postal employees were employed for the first time.

Law Enforcement

(1) Newspapers are favorable to the appointment of Negro policemen, but no action has been taken by the Police Commission.

(2) City Council passed an anti-mask bill.

(3) The Council of Church Women has secured considerable support in its request to establish two rehabilitation camps (one for Negroes, one for whites) for youthful and inexperienced prisoners who are sent to the county prison camps.

(4) The County Delegation appointed a Rehabilitation Board and will approve a sum of $5,000 as extra funds to be used in beginning the rehabilitation program.

(5) The County Delegation has a special Committee studying the entire penal system of the County. Much improvement in the handling of prisoners may come from this study.

(6) The City Civil Service Commission, the City Council, and other responsible groups have no objection to Negroes being appointed as policemen providing they meet the qualifications expected of others who pass examinations.

Recreation

(1) Four Recreational Training Institutes (Social Recreation, Conduct of Playgrounds, and Crafts) have been offered by the Community Council and City Park and Recreation Department. Joint planning for the concurrent institutes was established as a method of work.

(2) The Recreation-Education Division of the Community Council located a site for a Negro State Park in Greenville County; the County Legislative Delegation provided funds to purchase this 300 acre site; a five-year plan of development of the park is underway, with first year funds appropriated by the State Legislature. The park was named Pleasant Ridge State Park. The water dam has been completed and will provide a large area for swimming and boating. Picnic areas will be available, along with some shelters. A new house has been built for the superintendent, who is a Negro, formerly of Greenville. Although funds have not been provided by the Legislature for further development of the park during 1952-53, an effort is being made to secure funds to continue the development plan that has been started. The State Highway Department has promised to pave a road into the park from the main highway.

(3) A new Negro commercial theater was opened January 1951, showing a better class of pictures.

(4) A Negro USO for servicemen was opened in September of 1951. Plans for enlarging and improving the facilities were announced in January of this year.

(5) The first Negro Recreation Supervisor was appointed by the city, February 1, 1951.

(6) The City Parks and Recreation Department enlarged the playground staff. A new lighted softball field was opened, and plans made to develop recreation areas on land made available by two housing projects.

(7) YWCA Branch program began operation under a full time professional leader, paid from Community Chest funds. A building is rented for the Branch Headquarters.

(8) The Study of Phillis Wheatley was completed, as recommended in the Self Survey.

(9) The number of Negro Boy Scout troops increased to 30 from approximately five.

(10) Negroes are being admitted to several large community cultural and religious programs, for instance: Don Cossacks Chorus, Horace Heidt's Amateur Program, etc. Negro citizens are bringing Negro artists to the city - Hazel Scott in 1951, Marian Anderson in 1952 (a non-segregated audience with excellent attendance).

(11) Happy Hearts Park provides a small combination wading-swimming pool. Limited leadership is employed.

Recreation (continued)

(12) Negro P.T.A. groups were stimulated to sponsor Recreation programs in Freetown, Oscar Street, Brutontown.

(13) The Public Library Board purchased a building on East McBee Avenue and established a much improved Negro Branch Library.

(14) The first out-door swimming pool (20 x 40 feet) was built at the Phillis Wheatley Center and opened for use in June, 1953.

(15) The City Council purchased a 49 acre tract of land on which will be developed the first large City Negro Park. A large out-door swimming pool will be ready for use about September 1, 1953. Many other recreational opportunities will be available at this park. The house at the park is serving as an indoor recreation center.

(16) The City Recreation Department opened the Mayberry Park Community Center Building for use on May 23, 1953.

(17) The Greenville Kiwanis Club and the YWCA, in cooperation with the City Recreation Department, sponsored during August 1953 the first Negro Day Camp for girls.

(18) The County Legislative Delegation approved $500 for leadership at Happy Hearts Park for the summer of 1953.

Religious Resources

(1) Several churches have sponsored week-day activities with volunteer leadership.

(2) A Negro Council of Church Women has been formed.

(3) The Episcopal Church has increased activities at the St. Philips Negro Church.

(4) Presbyterian Churches of the city have joined together in buying land, raising money for the construction of a Negro Presbyterian Church in Nicholtown, and supplying a Negro Presbyterian minister during the past year. This will be continued for the present time through the joint support of all local Presbyterian Churches.

(5) White and Negro Baptist leaders are completing plans for establishing a school for the training of Negro ministers and church leaders in upper South Carolina. A group in the First Baptist Church is providing funds for the education of a Negro minister.

(6) Several Negro churches have improved their physical plants by making additions to their church and educational space.

Sanitation

(1) Two downtown businesses, one a department store, have provided rest rooms for Negroes.

Transportation

(1) White and Negro citizens appeared before City Council requesting city bus transportation for 600 local students attending Sterling High School.

(2) Southern Railway improved Negro rest room and drinking facilities.

(3) Extra buses are now being run during peak hours in Nicholtown and Fieldcrest Area.

Welfare

(1) The Mental Hygiene Clinic opened, serving white and Negroes.

(2) A State Industrial School for delinquent Negro girls was built near Columbia.

(3) A volunteer sponsored Day Nursery has been operating in the Fieldcrest Village housing project. This program was initiated by the Tenants Association members who live there.

(4) Several Negro citizens have been active in raising money for a Negro Day Nursery program. It is hoped that another Negro Day Nursery will be opened during the coming year.

(5) A full time day nursery is in operation at the Allen Temple Methodist Church.

Miscellaneous

(1) Modern problems and social studies classes in local white high schools have studied the contents of the study, emphasizing the process. They have heard speakers on phases of the findings and visited Negro groups and facilities for first hand information.

(2) Impetus was also given to people in other communities:

a. Through Southern Regional Council bulletin.
b. Through newspapers and magazine stories appearing in the New York Times, New York Herald Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, daily newspapers throughout the country, Community Chests and Councils of America magazine, National YWCA magazine and many others.
c. Through Conferences with leaders from other towns, held informally at:
    1. Blue Ridge Institute, Blue Ridge, N.C., 1950-53
    2. YWCA Regional Meeting, Atlanta, Ga., 1951

    3. Piedmont Regional (South Carolina) Conference of Social Work, Clemson, S.C., 1950.
    4. Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, 1950.
    5. Southeastern Conference Community Chests and Councils, Edgewater Park, Miss., March 1951.
    6. National Conference of Community Chests and Councils, Milwaukee, Wis., February 1952.
    7. National Meeting of Community Welfare Council Leaders, Cleveland, Ohio, January 1953.

d. Through requests that have been received from leading libraries throughout the nation asking for copies of the study to be on file in the research departments. Several graduate students have written for more information on the study.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

is interested in maintaining up to date records on all community wide improvements in the fields of health, recreation, education, and general welfare. If the list of improvements listed on the preceding pages is not complete please call the matter to the attention of the Community Council Office. You are also asked to help keep this list up to date in the future. The Council plans to issue annually a report similar to this one and will, therefore, need your help in keeping the list of improved services and opportunities current.

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PROCLAMATION DAY ADDRESS BY MARION A. WRIGHT
Spartanburg, South Carolina
January 1, 1955

We meet today to observe one of the significant events in human history. The Emancipation Proclamation takes rank with Magna Charta, the Virginia Statute of Religious Liberty, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights as an epoch-marking event in man's eternal struggle to be free. The temptation is strong merely to celebrate, to eulogize, to sing our hallelujahs. But surely Lincoln needs no eulogy at our hands and surely, in these times, there is but little profit in the backward view. As Victor Hugo observed, "If God had intended that man should look backward, He would have given him eyes in the back of his head." We should have eyes for today and tomorrow rather than for 1865.

Indeed, our pleasant quarrel is with those who are linked in sympathy and attitude with 1865, with those who fail fully to comprehend what is taking place in the world about them, to be aware of the mighty forces, the currents and tides which everywhere bear mankind to a greater destiny.

Having thus mildly disparaged the historical viewpoint, let me retreat quickly to a little more tenable ground. It is one thing to indulge in glorification of past events and to eulogize historical figures; it is something else to draw lessons from those moving days so that we in 1955 may guide our steps aright. The proper use of history is not as a vantage point for adulation of our ancestors, but as a lamp to light the way.

And I think one lesson immediately emerges. Every advance which men have made in their quest for greater freedom and justice has been opposed; freedom has come as the result of struggle; it has never been handed down as a gift from above; it has always been achieved from below. The Barons at Runnymede wrested their charter from King John; it was not handed to them on a silver platter.

This opposition, I submit, has always been based upon a false premise. The premise is that liberty may only be extended to the group seeking or demanding it at the cost of some detriment or penalty to the other group; that increased liberty to one segment of society means the surrender of something of substantial value by other segments. The false premise, in short, is that the process of enlarging some men's rights under law may be likened to a deal by which one party must lose if the other gains.

Who may doubt that King John and all of British royalty felt that their cause was irreparably damaged by Magna Charta, that things had come to a pretty pass -- as they probably expressed it -- when the Barons were given some voice in their government? They must have wailed that their "traditions," their "way of life" (Where have we heard those words before?) were being shamelessly ignored or destroyed by this new freedom.

But how far they were from the truth!

Monarchy in England survives in pristine vigor, not in spite of this and other broad grants of rights, but because of such grants. Survey the world. It is a cemetary for those royal houses which held power in unrelaxed hands and denied men's legitimate aspirations to be free. Tick them off. France, Spain, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Russia, and all the rest. They are but yellow pages in Time's book. But the British monarchy has survived the attrition of the years and all the ordeals of fire, flood, pestilence, and war -- and abides today as a steadying and potent force in world affairs.

The nation has survived with the monarchy -- survived because of the unfaltering loyalty of the free men of Britain. They are loyal because they are free.

But we do not have to go abroad for illustrations of the point that extensions of liberty are always strongly opposed upon the false premise that they would be detrimental to the interests of the dominant group. This day reminds of such a phase of American history. President Lincoln's proclamation created throughout the South a degree of mental anguish which has had no parallel -- not even in the wailings of Governor Byrnes and Governor Talmadge -- and oh, yes, Mr. Bowles. Talk about your "traditions," your "way of life." The Proclamation was a block buster.

Well, some 90 years have elapsed since that fateful day. Nowhere in America outside of a mental institution would a voice be raised in defense of slavery. No person of sanity would contend that the extension of freedom to a minority diminished to any degree the freedom of the majority. And no one would deny that the nation is infinitely stronger because peopled by free men than it would have been half slave and half free.

What did the white South, which fought so valiantly for slavery, gain from its abolition? It gained release from the stultifying notion that manual labor was somehow dishonorable. (To tell you the truth, we are not yet quite rid of that notion.) It gained escape from the harsh, egotistic and autocratic spirit inseparable from mastery. It gained the incentive and inducement to turn to science and invention to provide substitutes for lost free labor and therefy elevated standards of living throughout the region. It gained some measure of redemption from the belief that human life was a cheap commodity for sale on the auction block, a conviction still reflected in our homicide statistics. But why protract this catalogue of social gains? No intelligent white southerner now questions that his ancestors, who fought for slavery and lamented its passing, should have hailed that passing with delight.

Indeed, civilized men have come at last to realize that their destinies are so inter-twined that there is no complete freedom for anyone of us while another is in bondage; that whatever dignifies and enriches another's life dignifies and enriches our own life. All Englishmen, royalty and commoners alike, have led fuller and richer lives because King John signed the Charter. All Americans, white and black alike, have led fuller and richer lives because Lincoln signed the Proclamation.

The emancipation of the slave means also the emancipation of the master.

Now, I am sure that what I have said is so obviously true that there would be no dissent by any intelligent South Carolinian. That is to say, I believe we would all be in agreement on the points that the nation as a whole could not have survived with legalized slavery; that the South is far stronger and more civilized with all men free than with half of them slaves, and that emancipation brought to white people of the region blessings comparable to those it brought the Negro. If I seem to labor the point that grant of freedom for some of us strengthens and enlarges the freedom of all the rest of us, I do so because the point seems to have application to this day. It is a lesson which 1865 may well teach 1955.

I am sure that if the question were asked anywhere in the country -- Do you believe in slavery? -- there would be no affirmative answer. But the correct answer may depend upon definition.

What we would be thinking of, of course, is a condition of enforced servitude -- a master and servant relationship of the ante-bellum kind. That slavery has no champions, no defenders.

But in a broader sense, slavery is a lack of privilege to do what free men do. There was the slavery of chains which merely restrained and limited locomotion. There may be the slavery of law and custom which commands: Use the rear seats. Don't sit in that grandstand. Don't go in that waiting room. Don't eat in that restaurant. Don't attend that church. Don't go to that school. Don't use that library.

That slavery is subtle. The chains don't show. But wounds inflicted by custom may be fully as deep and permanent as leg sores made by shackles.

Slavery is but half abolished, emancipation but half completed, while millions of our fellow citizens are denied the right to use all of the instrumentalities, institutions and facilities of government upon precisely the same terms as every other citizen.

Slavery was merely the ultimate in denial of civil rights. Whatever arguments there may have been against slavery apply with equal force to every form of denial of civil rights. The benefits which flowed to the white race -- and they were incalculable -- from emancipation will flow in as great degree from every extension of civil rights. The dramatic victories which the Negroes have won in the courts have been victories for us all. (I sometimes think NAACP ought to change its name to National Association for Advancement of All People.)

We meet in the aftermath of the most significant of those victories. Until May 17, 1954, the racial customs and folk ways of the South were embedded in law -- even in some state constitutions. It was actually illegal for people of different races to be decent to each other. Such customs now have no legal buttress. Of course, that is for the moment an over-statement. But I am sure that none of us is so blind that he cannot see that the historian of the future will record that legally supported racial discrimination, however it may be manifested, received its mortal thrust on May 17.

So the task of Southern people is now greatly simplified. Instead of having to change their laws, they have merely to observe the law.

Instead of being decent in conflict with law they have merely to be decent in accordance with law.

There is not the slightest doubt of the result. Too many forces are on the side of liberalism. The liberals now have the heavy artillery. Consider.

Every man can be made to realize that the security of his own person and property under the law is intimately bound up with every other man's rights under the law. The public official who winks at denial of your rights today may wink at denial of mine tomorrow. Winking may become a habit, you know.

Evasion of one Supreme Court decision which I don't like will lead inevitably to evasion of others which I do like. What dragon's teeth are sowed by irresponsible politicians who advocate circumvention of a Supreme Court decision! And how doubly contemptible is that course when urged by a former member of the court!

Conspiracy among public officials today to deprive one group of citizens of their rights under the law will lead tomorrow to a conspiracy affecting another group -- for example, the cotton mill workers, the labor unions, the Catholics, the tobacco or cotton grower. Conspiracy, like winking, may become a habit.

Let no one delude himself into thinking that skullduggery, fraud, and evasion practiced upon one race will be limited to that race. If successfully employed today against a color minority, it will be used tomorrow upon an occupational, a religious, or other minority. No man's liberties are safe once such standards of public conduct are tolerated.

But those are negative considerations. They urge the South to follow one course because of penalties which will attend another. That is, to be sure, legitimate argument. But, happily, most of us are so constituted that the affirmative approach makes the stronger appeal. So, for the moment, let us "eliminate the negative, accentuate the positive." What will the white South gain from the end of racial discrimination?

It will gain escape from delusions of superiority, which are a hang-over from the old master-servant days. It will be able to utilize in governmental and social planning and operation all the brains, talents and skills of the community -- not just half. It will escape the financial drain entailed by duplicating schools, libraries, parks, playgrounds, and the like. It will eliminate the day to day causes of irritation and friction which go with enforcing arbitrary and wholly foolish rules of conduct touching segregation. Perhaps it may all be summed up by saying that, for the first time in their lives, white southerners may use without flinching and sense of guilt such ancient phrases as "equality before the law," "equality of opportunity," "brotherhood of men," "fatherhood of God."

Such considerations will, in my opinion, bring to speedy death the dishonorable suggestions occasionally made that South Carolina take steps to avoid compliance with the law of the land. There is too large a streak of decency in all of us. We become ashamed of a course of action which is little and mean.

We are gregarious and social by nature. We instinctively grope for every proffered hand. The basic assumption of the segregationist -- and it is absolutely true -- is that unless people of different races are restrained by law, they will like each other.

More of our heavy artillery:

Millions of veterans are not disposed to strangle the fraternity which had its birth in Europe, in the Pacific, in Korea. In 22 counties of a state not too far from here, the Veteran's Administration left to the GI's themselves the question of receiving their training on a segregated or non-segregated basis. The unanimous decision was against segregation. One dose of actual democracy at work lasts a long time.

At the core of whatever religion we profess, whether organized or not, there lies the compulsion to recognize every other man's complete equality. Southern churches are now astir and on the move. They now do penance and compensate for their lamentable folly of the 60's when they furnished ecclesiastical support for the cause of slavery. They now present a solid front in the liberal cause; theirs is the most potent influence in the South. They will win.

Such are some of the weapons in our arsenal: The awareness of every person that his own rights are imperilled if another's are unjustly impaired; our natural impulse to be decent to all others; our social instinct; the experience in democracy granted to our veterans, and the new militance of Southern churches. But, above all, there is the eagerness of our young people in schools and colleges to drop practices which for too long have warped and twisted their lives.

The winds, the tides, the stars are on our side. Our task is merely to use with wisdom the enormous natural advantages which now are ours.

To none of us is given the power infallibly to read the future. No doubt Mr. Lincoln, in signing the proclamations, did not foresee that what he then did set in motion forces culminating in our court's historic decisions of May 17. Yet, looking back, the connection is there. Indeed, it extends on back to Magna Charta and the earliest religious documents which planted the seed of man's equality before the throne. It was but a step to man's equality before the law, and but a matter of the growth of men's minds until the idea of equality becomes inconsistent with discrimination based upon race -- in school rooms or elsewhere.

It requires no gift of prophecy now to see the full achievement of civil rights in every field. The legal victories have all been won -- except for minor rear guard delaying actions. Look well at certain of our politicians -- they are the last of their line, the line which rose to power by blowing on the embers of racial prejudice.

With the end of the legal phases of the struggle, we may think less of rights and more of civilities. And that is a distinct gain for all of us. It is not so important that we have the right to sit next to another as that we shall offer him our seat if courtesy requires.

The legal phases of the civil rights struggle involved the work of experts, men learned in the law -- backed, to be sure, by those having courage to bring the suits and finance them. But in that phase there was no place where all of us might have a hand, throw our weight about. As willing as we might have been, the matters involved were for those wise men, the lawyers and judges.

That is all ended now, or soon will be. What are required from this point on, in the period of armistice and truce, are attitudes of mind and heart which are within the reach of us all -- patience, tolerance, good will, without gloating on the one side or recrimination on the other. No one of us is so humble or inconspicuous that he cannot make his influence for good felt in the months and years ahead.

It is one of the happy coincidences of our history that the author of the Emancipation Proclamation gave the formula for reconciliation -- Malice toward none, charity for all. If we here in South Carolina can exhibit some of Lincoln's spirit, reflect in our words and acts and thoughts a measure of his nobility, we shall look back with indescribable relief upon the undemocratic mode of life which we so long endured and move with grace and dignity into a new and better era.

January 3, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

One further word about the newspaper proposal which we discussed on the telephone and about which you and Dr. Mitchell have since exchanged correspondence.

As I said in our telephone conversation, I think the idea of circulating the proposed "Ten Years of SRC" to Southern editors would be a useful and workable way of helping to protect our interests with them. I don't believe Dr. Mitchell intended to rule out the desirability of this step, although of course the expense of it will have to be worked out in relation to other demands on the budget.

As to the proposed pamphlet itself, I should assure you that it is high on my list of priorities and that I will come up with a draft as soon as I can possibly manage it. The demands of New South in transition have been heavy and, since that is an imperative obligation, I have regretfully had to delay work on the historical document. Happily there is good prospect of adding to the staff soon an information assistant, made possible by the Doris Duke grant. This badly needed assistance should work wonders in breaking bottlenecks here.

I hope you and Mrs. Wright had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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January 3, 1955

Mr. Ragaie Naguib Makar
4, Street No. 4
Giza, Egypt

Dear Mr. Makar:

I have sent a packet of Southern Regional Council publications separately by parcel post.

Unfortunately we have no printed history of the Council available. Several articles have been published but I am afraid you would not be able to secure them and we do not have reprints for distribution.

I hope that our publications will be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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Sent: Answers for Action
Safety, Security and South
Greenville's Big Idea
SRC promotion leaflet
Library issue
Income article
Churches Speak
Menefee Report
Fey article
Park article
Integration in Armed Forces
Blighted Housing and BombViolence
Race and Suffrage Today
Changing Patterns in a Border State

January 3, 1955

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
South Carolina Division - SRC
3313 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed is the Birmingham News editorial you requested.

Mrs. DuBois' address is as follows:

Rachel David SuBois
Workshop for Cultural Democracy
204 East 18th Street
New York 8, New York

I know what you mean about finding the right group for her technique. I am under the impression that she gets foundation grants to sponsor her , but am not sure whether the grants would cover one-night stands or are just for long range operations.

I knew McCray was on the Afro-American now and had suspected that the Lighthouse collapsed when he left. We get the Palmetto Leader.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

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January 4, 1955

Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Chrmn.
Florida Division, SRC
Barnett National Bank Bldg.
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Dave:

Thanks for your letter of January 3rd, regarding the Florida meeting on January 15th and 16th. You asked in the letter about any suggestions I might have for a speaker for the meeting.

You will remember that we thought it would be helpful to the Florida group if Dr. C.H. Parrish and I discussed with the group (not in a formal speech but in round-table discussion with the leadership) the developments in the other states so that the decisions by the Florida group could be based on wide experience.

Any speaker who comes, I believe, should come for two days and sit in as a discussant on the Saturday meeting with the group and then could speak the following day to the assembly. I believe this would help whoever spoke more closely relate his subject to the problems facing the state of Florida. I would suggest one of several people and trust that you recognize this is not an exhaustive list:

Mr. Malcolm Ross (former Director of FEPC under FDR)
University Editor
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Fla.

Mr. Gilbert J. Balkin, Dir.
Anti-Defamation League
Seybold Building
Miami, Fla.

Mr. Donald Sprague
Department of Human Relations
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Fla.

Rev. Edward T. Graham (outstanding Negro spokesman)
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Miami, Fla.

I would feel secure with any of these people for all of them know the field of human relations and are aware of the special problems in the state of Florida.

Both Dr. Parrish and I will attend the meeting and look forward to seeing you then. Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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January 5, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM
FROM: GTH

I asked that copies be made of this draft for all members of the staff (three members were absent the day when it was discussed) in order to give everyone an opportunity to think ahead in regard to suggestions for improvement before a new code is finally adopted. Would it be well to set a time when all suggestions from staff members would be present in another meeting?

Attached to rough draft of
section of Office Manual relating
to SRC policy on vacation
and sick leave, overtime, travel
expenses, etc., etc.

January 5, 1955

Dr. Preston Valien, Chairman
Social Science Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Valien:

We have considered the questionnaire which each agency and organization participating in the Southwide Interorganizational Conference was asked to complete and return to you. Most of the questions seem to be related to organizations operating in a local community setting rather than those which are regional or national. Rather than completing the questionnaire as such we are enclosing the statement of policy and aims of the Southern Regional Council. There has been no further articulation of policy by the Council since the May 17th decision. We are also enclosing a statement of criteria developed for use by the state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council which are in the process of becoming established in the twelve states of the region. I hope that this will provide the kind of preliminary information requested.

On November 22nd Arthur Levin, R.A. Thompson and I had a conversation in preparation for the meeting which was then scheduled for November. We would still hope that the conference would include opportunities for "a formulation of the present situation in the region, the major needs that can and should be met through organizational activity, and the competencies of the several agencies (represented in the conference) in terms of these needs."

We will look forward to the opportunity which the conference makes possible for some joint thinking and planning.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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cc: C.H. Parrish
R.A. Thompson
G.S.M.
F.B.R.
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January 5, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chrmn.
Tennessee Division, SRC
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

We have received and reviewed with interest the proposed program for the Tennessee Council. Thank you for sharing the copies with us so promptly.

We regret to hear that Mr. May has found it necessary to relinquish the position of Treasurer. No doubt, the selection of someone else for this office is being given thought and the election of another Treasurer may be on the agenda for the January 15th meeting. Someone from the Central Office of the Southern Regional Council will plan to be present for that Board meeting (both Dr. Parrish and Mr. Routh are involved in the organizational meeting of another state so it seems likely that I will see you that weekend). At the time of your next Board meeting it may be possible for us to talk about possibilities for managing the work of the Tennessee Division -- in terms of the types of staff assignments which seem advisable. In any case, I will look forward to the opportunity of meeting with the Tennessee Board and sharing your considering for developing program.

DL.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
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Florida:	Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Chrmn.
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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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January 5, 1955

TO: State Chairmen

FROM: Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director for State Organizations

You will recall that in Article VI of the suggested by-laws sent to state organizations by the Central Office, it was provided that each of the state organizations should have two ex-officio members on the Board of SRC. The purpose of this provision is to insure bi-racial representation from the states. One of the ex-officio members is to be the state chairman and the other is to be elected along with the officers of the state organization. Where the state chairman is Negro the "elected representative" will be white and vice versa.

We would suggest that this matter might well be spelled out in the by-laws under the article on Officers or Executive Board in this fashion:

> "To insure bi-racial representation the Chairman and one other member of the Executive Board, elected by the Board, shall be ex-officio members of the Southern Regional Council, Inc."

This should be done as soon as possible, and the Central Office should be advised of the names of these two people, as well as other officers and Board members elected.

January 6, 1955

Mrs. E.H. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
South Carolina Division of SRC, Inc.
3315 Colin Kelly Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

On going back over some old correspondence I discovered a postal card from you in which you said you were to have a meeting of the full Board on December 1st at 2:00 p.m. Would appreciate it very much if you would send us minutes of the meeting.

I think it would be helpful to us if you would keep in closer touch with the Central Office. We usually get a note from most state people fairly often but beyond that of course there is the formal requirement of a monthly report from the state offices to the Central Office so that we may keep abreast of developments across the region.

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organisations

FBR/rnf
Dictated by Mr. Routh
Signed in his absence

January 6, 1955

Mr. Gilbert J. Balkin, Dir.
Anti-Defamation League
Seybold Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Gil:

Sometime ago your good wife wrote me a note mentioning a young Negro lady who was qualified, as I remember, as a librarian and was seeking employment. As I recall, she is now living in Birmingham, Alabama. Would you please ask Mrs. Balkin who the person is, what her background is and how do we get in touch with her.

Good luck on the work of the ADL in the coming year. Art Levin and I have become good friends and are often co-lunchers. Warm personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
Dictated by Mr. Routh
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COLLECT 1/6/55

MR. DANIEL R. FRANCIS
1221 N. W. 67TH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

DELIGHTED SPEAK MIAMI JANUARY 16. SUBJECT ASSIGNED.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

COLLECT 1/6/55

MR. ELMER L. SHIRRELL
CHAIRMAN OF BOARD
COUNCIL AGAINST DISCRIMINATION
OF GREATER CHICAGO
187 NORTH LASALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

WILL GLADLY COME MARCH 18TH FOR EXPENSES AND $50.00.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
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PAID SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 1/6/55

MR. JOSEPH A HALL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER CINCINNATI
312 WEST NINTH STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

DELIGHTED. BE AT YOUR SERVICE CINCINNATI, MARCH 15TH.

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

January 7, 1955

Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Gibson Hotel
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Bishop Moore:

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I need not say how critically important that donation has been to us, not only in money, but much more so in its evidence of the concern of the Church. With all the changes in the Board of Missions, the item for the Council disappeared in the current year's budget. We acknowledge laxity in failing to keep the Board of Missions plied with the reports and audits and pleas. And when special strain came on the Division, the Southern Regional Council did get left out of the budget.

We plead for reinstatement if at all possible for the current year; and still more urgently for reinstatement for the coming year.

This is a most critical junction in Southern matters as all of us know only too well. The money itself is important to us, but again it is of the greatest importance to continue to have, as we have had for so long, the evident good will of the Methodist Church.

In the expansion of the Council's program, which has become possible by the grant from the Fund for the Republic, two of the newly employed executive secretaries are Methodist ministers -- in Alabama and Mississippi. And everywhere the Council's forces locally draw heavily upon the Christian purpose of members of the Methodist Church.

A published summary of the audit figures for the year, 1953, is enclosed. The audit for 1954 is in progress and ought to be ready within a few weeks. But except for the quite considerable grant from the Fund for the Republic, the 1954 figures are not markedly different from those of 1953.

And the grant from the Fund for the Republic, incidentally, has as one of its requirements, the raising by the Council, independently, of a much larger sum than we have ever succeeded in raising before!

We will be exceedingly grateful for your interest in a place for the Council in the budget of the Division of National Missions.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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cc: Mrs. M. E. Tilly ✓

January 6, 1955

Dr. Roscoe Giffin
Department of Sociology
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Giffin:

Thanks for your good letter. By the time it reached me, the bookstore's order had arrived and been filled. I do understand that some small discount was allowed, though probably not enough to lower the price to the students substantially.

I will send the copies of the forthcoming booklet as you request, and I would value your reaction to it as a teaching or reference aid.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 6, 1955

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Institute for Research in
Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Many thanks for taking time out on the treadmill to write so helpfully. I had read your article in the Journal of Negro Education and If I had been thoughtful enough I would have remembered it as a definitive summary of the situation, at least for the time being. I will write Charles Thompson for permission to reprint, probably in an abridged form. If he consents, I will send you the abridged copy ahead of time for approval.

I hope the book reaches completion with a minimum of difficulty; I still remember the manuscript as being the best part of the Ashmore Project findings. Nobody is doing a better job of interpreting the current "crisis" in the South than you are. Appriciation and best wishes for the New Year from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 7, 1955

Dictated January 6

The Reverend W. C. Brocke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brocke:

I spent last Tuesday, January 4th, in Richmond, and used the day in trying to get things finished up for the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Emerson and I agreed that the democratic way to proceed would be to write to the eighty or ninety persons in Virginia who have continued to be members of the Southern Regional Council and ask them to assist the selection of a seven-man nominating committee. Then the nominating committee would pick the thirty-odd people to be members of the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

I have the firm assurance of the Division of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches -- verbally -- that such an arrangement would be workable and unexceptionable. Also, Emerson and the Virginia Council of Churches would work with the new group, though the two agencies would be distinct.

The Nominating Committee as selected is made up of yourself, as Chairman, Wilson Brown, Rupert Picott, Paul Williams, J. M. Ellison, Harry Roberts, and Mrs. Louis Jaffe. Everybody but you has agreed to serve. We all hope that you will serve.

The Nominating Committee only has to meet once. The day selected is Tuesday, February 1. Place is probably Petersburg, as being easy for Mrs. Jaffe to reach by the Norfolk and Western. SRC will gladly pay for the travel and for the luncheon involved for the meeting February 1. Details later, but tentatively selected time is 12:15, and we ought to be through by 2:30 p.m.

I have got great long scratchy lists of suitable persons and will get the scratches off and retyped, and will send you lists in a few days. Emerson and I went over the list together with care, and I have consulted with Mr. Hancock, Mr. Ellison, and Mr. Picott re lists. Also, friends in northern Virginia are sending lists, and the Norfolk Interracial Committee is sending in a list. So, we have lists galore. I do hope that this will work with you. This will be a considerable service, and all of us will be most grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Fred Routh

cc: Fred Routh

January 7, 1955

Dictated January 6

Mr. Wilson M. Brown
State Planters Bank
Ninth Street at Main
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is to confirm your kind willingness to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee to select thirty-odd persons to be members of a to-be-formed Virginia Council on Human Relations.

The other members of the Nominating Committee are: The Reverend W. C. Brocke of Staunton; Mr. J. M. Ellison, Mr. J. Rupert Picott, and Mr. Paul Williams of Richmond; Mr. Harry Roberts of Virginia State College at Petersburg; and Mrs. Louis Jaffe of Norfolk.

The Committee should hold its one meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 1955. Carefully prepared lists of suitable persons will be available for the Committee's choosing. Emerson Smith and I will both be present and available.

Mrs. Jaffe expressed a considerable preference for the meeting to occur at Petersburg, as being accessible to her by the Norfolk and Western. I realise that that inconveniences you, but I hope not greatly so.

I will try to make arrangements for the meeting to be at Virginia State College at Petersburg, and suppose that it can be arranged. Will let you know.

I think there's nothing further for you to do until the time comes for the meeting when you ought to be present and put your judgment on the names available.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. Suggested time of convening, 12:15, Tuesday, February 1. Suggested time to promise to be through, 2:30 p.m. Expenses will be paid.

January 7, 1955

Dictated January 6th

Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Picott:

When I talked to Mrs. Jaffe in Norfolk about the one meeting of the Nominating Committee on Tuesday, February 1, she was willing to serve but immediately took up my tentative offer of trying to arrange the meeting at Petersburg instead of at Richmond. So much easier for her to get there and back on the N. & W.

I think that we Richmond Virginians owe some duty to the rest of the state to try to put an occasional meeting somewhere besides Richmond.

I do hope you won't think it too much to be asked to come over to Petersburg for the meeting that day. I asked Harry Roberts to try to work out the luncheon arrangements. SRC will be glad to pay for your travel to Petersburg and back, and for the luncheon of course.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Fred Routh Suggested time of convening 12:15, Tuesday, February 1, at Virginia State College. Suggested time to promise to be through, 2:30 p.m.

January 7, 1954

Dictated January 6th

Mr. James M. Ellison
President
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellison:

When I talked with Mrs. Jaffe in Norfolk about the meeting of the Nominating Committee, Tuesday, February 1, she was willing to serve, but had a strong preference for the meeting to be held at Petersburg -- accessible to her by the N. & W.

As a Richmond citizen, I feel some obligation to put an occasional Virginia meeting in some city other than Richmond, and I told Mrs. Jaffe that I would do my best to get the meeting in Petersburg and, probably, at Virginia State College.

I hope that that is workable with you. I could pay for your travel over there and back, as well as for the luncheon.

I will send you some more lists of names in a few days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Fred Routh

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January 7, 1955

Dictated January 6th

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

For the meeting of the Nominating Committee Tuesday, February 1, would it be all right with you if we meet at Petersburg? Mrs. Jaffe has a considerable preference for meeting there as being accessible by N. & W. That seems to me reasonable, and I think the rest of us should try to get there.

The Southern Regional Council will gladly pay for your expenses getting over and back, and for the luncheon of course.

Will send you lists in a few days.

Thank Kitty for the refreshments. Very refreshing!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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January 7, 1955

Dictated January 6th

Mr. Harry Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Harry:

Back safe and sound.

Confirmation about the Nominating Committee. It meets February 1. The members of it are Carrol Brooke, Chairman, Paul Williams, Rupert Picott, Mrs. Louis Jaffe, James Ellison, yourself, and Wilson Brown.

It's one and only meeting is that day. It's purpose is to pick people to be a thirty, or perhaps 40, man Virginia Council on Human Relations.

Problem: Mrs. Jaffe expressed a strong preference for having the meeting in Petersburg. Richmond is just too far for her she says. I don't blame her. She can get to Petersburg on the N. & W. quicko and back home.

Could you arrange a luncheon gathering at the college or somewhere in Petersburg on Tuesday, February 1? Seven members of the Committee plus Emerson Smith, plus George Mitchell, total nine. There ought to be a secretaryish person present too to scribble things down. Total ten. SRC will foot the bill.

I will be sending you lists later on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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cc: Fred Routh

Daily File

January 7, 1955

(Dictated January 6th)

Mrs. Louis Jaffe
74 Pinecroft Lane
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jaffe:

This confirms my request by phone today that you be good enough to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee of the Virginia members of the Southern Regional Council, which Committee will be asked to select persons suitable to serve on a Virginia Council on Human Relations.

I am trying to work out arrangements for the one and only meeting of the new Nominating Committee to be on Tuesday, February 1, at Virginia State College at Petersburg.

Nice of you to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
dc: Fred Routh

January 7, 1955

Mr. Edward S. White
Atlanta Legal Aid Society
Room 923
Court House
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. White:

I am much honored by the invitation to be a member of the Advisory Committee of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society for 1955, and will take pleasure in serving as requested.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 7, 1955

Mr. Harry Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

We have managed to get several informed opinions on C.C. Walker -- all favorable.

An able Congregational minister here in Atlanta has known Walker and his work over some years and gives him very high marks. He describes Walker as a man who has refused to be a fundraising reverend poobah in the Negro community, but has elected instead to do a job for his congregation and his community. According to the same source, Walker acquitted himself well in Mississippi and is well thought of by everybody but the stuffed shirts.

George Mitchell also made some inquiries, with similar favorable reports.

All told, we like what we hear about the guy, and if your local researches have positive results, we would cast our vote aye.

Hope the New Year wassailing and Ike's Democratic conversion have filled you with zest for 1955.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 7, 1955

Dr. Charles H. Thompson
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

We shall soon be publishing in New South our latest list of Southern institutions of higher learning open to both races. In that connection, I asked Guy Johnson the prospect for presenting in some form the findings of the Ashmore Project. He suggests that his article in last summer's issue of Journal of Negro Education is the best summary available and that it is perfectly agreeable with him, if it is with you, for us to reprint all or a portion of it.

I should be very grateful for your permission to publish in New South an abridged version of Dr. Johnson's article. Appropriate credit would be given, of course, and I will be happy to submit the abridged version both to you and to Dr. Johnson for approval.

May I take this occasion to congratulate you on the magnificent contribution that the Journal of Negro Education is making to progress toward integration.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 7, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am honored that you should want me as a participant in the forthcoming Southwide Interorganizational Conference.

We have discussed the Conference here with much interest and, as it worked out, the SRC staff members who are to attend are Mrs. Grace Townes Hamilton, Mrs. M.E. Tilly, and Dr. C.H. Parrish, as well as staff members of various affiliated state organizations. Since I have a heavy backlog of duties here, I am not one of that fairly substantial number.

I know you will understand that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be present and to make any contribution I might to the Conference, but under the circumstances I must regretfully decline your very kind invitation. I am sure that anyone of the others will be glad to serve in any way that will be helpful.

My best regards to you and my best wishes for the Conference, which I am sure will be an outstanding contribution to progress in this field.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 7, 1955

Report by Frederick B. Routh
Alabama Council on Human Relations

EXECUTIVE MEETING
January 6, 1955
Montgomery, Ala.

Those present were:

Mr. Brooks (N)
Mr. McCleod (W)
Mr. Turnipseed (W)
Mr. Hunter (W)
Dr. Pierce (N)

Mr. Hughes (W)
Fr. Thrasher (W)
Mr. Whitsett (W)
Dr. Trenham (N) (Trenholm)
Dr. Gomillion (N)

The Executive Secretary reported to the Committee that he had participated in the following activities:

1. A trip to Fisk where he conferred with Dr. Charles Johnson and others on race relations across the South with particular emphasis on Alabama.

2. A trip out to the West Black Belt in Alabama where he attended a "Citizens Committee" meeting (economic Kluxism). This meeting he reported to the FBI.

3. He uncovered an interracial committee of the Tuscaloosa Religious Council.

4. A trip to Tuskegee where he was directed to a White, liberal banker.

5. Unofficially, he helped circulate to Methodist ministers throughout the state an editorial "A Letter to Methodists" (comparable to Corinthians) in which the "rebel" Methodists were chastized for not living up to their principles. Note: This has had noticeable effect among the Methodist ministry and has been smiled upon with favor by the Bishop.

6. A trip to Birmingham for a conference with NAACP leadership, particularly Mrs. Hurley, on what can be done in Alabama and how SRC and NAACP can cooperate.

7. Approached Dr. James Pierce to be chief consultant on instructions from the Board. Note: Dr. Pierce accepted and the Board approved a salary of $20.00 per day honorarium plus 6¢ a mile and expenses on travel.

The Board asked Mr. Hughes and Dr. Pierce for a list of suggested consultants and appointed Hughes, Brooks, Gomillion and Pierce to go over the list for further study. Among those mentioned were Mr. J.D. Thompson, Cottage Grove; D.B. Jamison, Dothan; Rev. Lawry, Mobile; Dr. Charles Hall, Huntsville; S.J. Whisenhunt, Atmore; Oran Frazier, Evergreen; O.W. Holmes, Talladega. Note: These men have not been finally chosen as consultants at this point but further investigation has been provided for by the Committee previously named.

The Board authorized the payment of some seven people to come to Montgomery to discuss promotion of the annual meeting (6¢ per mile and expenses only).

The Board appointed a Nominating Committee of Dr. Gomillion, Dr. Trenholm and Mr. McCleod to look into the possibilities of broadening the Board and also to nominate a new slate of officers.

It was noted that the old Constitution was still in effect, that there was need for a Constitution Committee to consider the new proposed Constitution and then report to the annual meeting for the approval of whatever is decided by the Committee.

February 8th was set for the annual meeting and the Board noted that Dr. Dent of Dillard University (New Orleans) had accepted to be afternoon speaker who would deal with possible steps toward solving our interracial problems. FBR was asked to do a ten to fifteen minute summary on what the SRC is doing across the South. Note: A Program Committee was appointed to work with Mr. Hughes in working out the details of the program for that day.

There was a broader participation this time in the Alabama meeting by all concerned than at previous meetings. There is still a strong drive among the group to get through with the meeting so that very often rather complicated and complex problems are dealt with in only a surface way and the real decision making as to policy, as well as to the implementation of that policy, is left to the Executive Secretary. There is need for the group to sit down together and carefully talk through what they are trying to do in the state, how it can be done, what are the other resources they can count on for help and what are some of the stumbling blocks for which they should look. Only as this is done, only as there is a better understanding of process will it be possible for the Alabama organization to move forward as it properly should.

FBR/rnf

January 7, 1955

Report by Grace T. Hamilton
North Carolina Council on Human Relations

BOARD MEETING
January 6, 1955
Durham, N.C.
Farmers and Mechanics Bank Bldg.

Attendance: Rev. Leon Russell, Chairman presiding
Dr. Guy Johnson, Secretary
Mr. Greene
Dr. R.D. Wellons
Mr. Larkins
Dean Belton
John Hervey Wheeler, Treasurer
Mr. Harry Jones, Executive Secretary
GTH, SRC Central Office

The meeting was called to consider revision of the by-laws of the North Carolina Division and to act upon proposed "program plans to be sent to the SRC."

A draft of proposed by-laws adopted was sent to the Central Office of SRC. They were approved as proposed with the exception of Article V. It was decided to maintain the provision in the old by-laws calling for election of officers and executive committee by action of the membership in annual meeting.

Approval of the new by-laws will be handled by submitting them with the recommendation of the Executive Committee that they be ratified to the present membership of the SRC by mail.

There had been a meeting of a Program Committee in November as a result of the SRC Board action requiring submission of a program outline to the SRC. The "program functions as defined in the statement of policy and aims of the Southern Regional Council" had been used by this Committee. Perhaps the criteria for evaluating state program had also been considered by this group but copies of the criteria were requested by members of the Committee and other board members present. Following discussion of the proposed program outline and consideration of the criteria, it was decided that the present Steering Committee, a temporary group appointed during the summer to advise upon employment of executive staff should constitute itself as a program planning committee with the following functions:

> To plan with the Executive Director upon program ~~D~~evelopment and to advise the Executive Committee upon selection of consultants. The membership of this committee is Mr. Belton, Mr. Greene, Rev. Russell, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Jones.
>
> Dr. Wm. Brown, Director of the Bureau of Educational Research, North Carolina College, was proposed by Mr. Jones as a consultant.

There was discussion of plans for the annual membership meeting and whether this meeting should be held before the enlargement of the Executive Committee. Mr. Jones reported that he was continuing his interviewing of potential members of the Board, and recognized that it would take considerable time for him to cover major centers of the state for this purpose. It was decided that the Nominating Committee which had not had a meeting would be asked to meet in the very near future and draw up nominations for Board membership -- perhaps leaving some places to be filled in the coming year on the basis of added experience (members of the Nominating Committee -- Chairman, Mr. Roy Brown, Chapel Hill; Mr. Larkin and Mr. Greene). Present members of the Executive Committee were asked to send their suggestions of ~~other~~ worthy possibilities for the Executive Board to Mr. Jones and other members of the Nominating Committee. It was agreed that a meeting of the Nominating Committee would be held before the end of the month and that the annual meeting of the present membership would be arranged during the first ten days of March.

GTH/rnf
CC: FBR
CHP

MEMO . . . From the Desk of
. . . . Fred B. Routh . . .

January 10, 1955

Dear Bob:

Have talked over your request for us to call Harry Ashmore or Hodding Carter to speak to the Alabama Council with George Mitchell who feels your third choice of Bishop Marmion to be far better -- because of his Alabama background. His address is:

Rt. Rev. Wm. H. Marmion
1000 First Street S.W. - Box 2068
Roanoke 9, Va.

Suggest you, Dan or T. Thrasher get in touch with him.

Have sent you under separate cover the five copies of By-Laws which you requested.

Regards to Dottie.

Your Friend,

Fred

January 10, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I will be glad to serve as one of two recorders in the sectional meeting on Professional and Civic Organizations: General Community Activities.

With all good wishes.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

January 10, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Dir.
Room 209, 121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for the opportunity of meeting with the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council and for the opportunity to chat with you about the plans for the organization.

It seems to me that several very sound steps were taken by the group, namely the creation of a Program Committee to help develop plans for the organization and, secondly, authorizing the Nominating Committee to procede with suggestions for enlarging the present Executive Committee. Both of these steps offer possibilities for reinforcing your efforts in ways which I am sure you will welcome.

Upon my return to Atlanta I have reread reports by Dr. Parrish of his work for the SRC in North Carolina last summer. I am enclosing a copy of excerpts because they may be useful to you and to other members of your Executive Committee. We are also sending copies of the criteria for state programs to the members of the Program Committee and to Dr. William H. Brown with whom you've been talking about the development of the North Carolina Council (it will be fine if it becomes possible for him to be invited to serve the North Carolina Council as a major consultant).

We will be glad to have copies of the proposed program which was adopted by the Board meeting as soon as it is convenient.

Thanks again for your hospitality.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf
encl.

cc:FBR,GTH,CHP
2 EXTRA

January 10, 1955

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Bob:

It was certainly nice to be out with you and the Executive Committee of the Alabama Council. I think we accomplished some considerable things. I believe that the group shows growth over the last time we met -- growth in terms of process in thinking through some of the problems that face them -- but I understand your frustration in their inability or unwillingness to really examine some of the critical questions which should be raised.

I have discussed with Mrs. Hamilton and Dr. Parrish (he was in town a few days) our meeting and they feel much as do we. Dr. Parrish informs me that he has information that there are now five county "White Citizens Committees." The counties involved are Dallas, Hale, Morengo, Perry and Macon. This information comes from Emory Jackson of the Birmingham World.

It was pleasant to meet Miss Roberta Butler and please assure her that the only reason I was upset was because she was upset and there was nothing I could do to help. I enjoyed very much the opportunity of being with you and Dottie in the evening for supper and still feel that waffles are one of my favorite meals. I trust that Dottie will remain well throughout the rest of her period of waiting and that the child will be healthy and happy. Certainly with parents such as you two there is every reason to expect such. I would remind you that the CAP and Army Reserve are time consuming and that you have rather special responsibilities to your family at this time which must be weighed in conjunction with a desire to assist these groups even as a chaplain.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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January 10, 1954

This memo sent to:

Robert E. Hughes
Milton C. Vigo
Harry S. Jones
Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
Thomas Sutherland
Fred Darragh
Davisson Dunlap
Hugh Brimm
F. Woods Beckman
Mrs. Ruby Lyells
N. A. Dickson

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, NTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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January 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM #11

TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

SUBJECT: TAX-EXEMPTION FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Obviously this will have some technical legal matters complicating it. We request that this office be consulted in advance when you make your plans to apply for exempt status.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . . E A B . . . . . .

January 10, 1955

Original of this ltr to:

Mr. Wilson Brown
Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Mr. Paul Williams
Mr. James M. Ellison
Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Mr. Harry Roberts

January 10, 1955

Mr. Wilson Brown
State Planters Bank
Ninth Street at Main
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Mrs. Jaffe sent me the enclosed. I have the consent of Mrs. Arnold Strauss, of Norfolk, to serve in Mrs. Jaffe's place. Mrs. Strauss says she can do the run to Richmond, so the Committee will meet there February 1, noontime. Details later.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GEORGE MITCHELL, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL=
63 AUBURN AVE NORTHEAST ATLA

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ALICE JAFFE

January 10, 1955

Mrs. Arnold Strauss
Algonquin Park
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

Here is one of the typical letters that went out, explaining matters as originally arranged.

I've written Mrs. Jaffe that you so kindly agree to be on the Committee.

I will give you all details of the meeting February 1, well ahead of time.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 10, 1955

AIR MAIL

Reverend H. C. Holland
Gibson Hotel
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Holland:

Here's a copy of the letter I sent Bishop Moore.

For things in the past, I would instance the following:

Helping to bring around the Southern daily newspapers to fairer and more courteous handling of news items involving Negro persons. We began on that about five years ago. First collected what actual experience was, and then wrote a booklet giving the simple rules of how things should be managed. Got the booklet out to the editors. And then asked local people, usually church people, to call on the editor and ask the editor to go by the rules in the book. Whether it was us or whether it was the temper of the times we don't know; but clearly at this date two-thirds or three-quarters of the Southern newspapers use courtesy titles, build their headlines correctly, include coverage of items of Negro news formerly neglected, and keep out of the papers things which are rude or scoffing.

Spreading the practice of employing Negro police officers. That we began about seven years ago. Then there were, I believe, thirty-eight Southern cities or towns which used Negro police. We wrote around to all the chiefs and got a list of all the towns. We inquired as to experience. Annually we have published a new enlarged list of towns and cities and counties using Negro police. But now the practice has spread to every Southern state and to about 140 Southern cities, and the number of Negro uniformed or plainclothes police persons is well above 700. I don't say our little list did it. But in many a town, when the issue came up, copies of our lists put into the hands of the Mayor or the City Council by our local friends helped to turn the trick.

On the whole matter of the schools and the Supreme Court we have worked very hard to get accurate and temperate information before the people of the South. We are convinced that the best chance of solution lies in small meetings of local citizens, white and Negro, to make friends on the issue, arrive at the exact facts, and thus, inevitably, make a plan. Largely with the help of church people we are getting this done in a few places, and we think we are getting it to happen in many more. We have prepared material suitable for use by local meetings, and they have been eagerly used.

The strong thing about the Southern Regional Council is its knowledge of the process of reaching local agreement on matters of contention, and reaching it by approaching the matter in a spirit untinctured by discrimination or patronage.

Much more that could be said, but time presses!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

January 10, 1954

(Dictated January 6)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foster
Curb Market Building
P. O. Box 1325
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear The Fosters:

Company, conversation,? beefsteak, a crisp and delicate salad, some ~~sheep~~ dram from the heather, and just a good time in general. I do thank you both most warmly.

When Madame comes to Atlanta again, she is please to call on the Mitchells at home or at the office, and we will meet her at the airport and take her to the tooth-dentist, and put the 'grediencies for a salad before her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated January 6

January 10, 1954

TO: RHA

In Richmond a few days ago I saw a Miss Dorothy Richardson. She said that some weeks ago when presented by Emerson Smith with one of our gray leaflets, she had filled it out and asked to be enrolled as a Virginia member of SRC. She has never had a bill, nor any New Souths nor anything to indicate that she is a member. She is willing to pay off. I assume she gets under that $3.00 for 1954. Is there anything in our files to bear out what she says?

January 10, 1955

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I promised to send you this letter from Margaret Garrity.

I have written Margaret again and have asked her to give me names of people active in her general inter-Church or inter-group movement in Northern Virginia on behalf of unsegregated schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 10, 1955

Miss Margaret Garrity
Interracial Secretary
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Margaret:

If you will read through this copy of a letter to Thomas Young at Norfolk, you will get the whole picture.

I got, with much appreciation, your kind letter sent to me at Emerson Smith's office. I really meant to ask you to name people active in your general movement in Northern Virginia, but I will supply your letter to Paul Williams, who asked to receive it, as he will be responsible as one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

My choice from the letter you sent me is Kathleen Sheehan as the designated person. So, what I would ask you to do is to send me or Paul Williams names of two or three people active in the general movement in Northern Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P. S. I had a particularly nice time in that stop in Arlington, and was most grateful for the opportunity it gave me to meet your mother and your sister and your niece, Miss Mary Ann.

January 10, 1955

Mrs. Louis Jaffe
74 Pinecroft Lane
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jaffe:

Every now and then I do the same thing: promise to be in two places at the same time. And it does make a body feel pretty bad. But all comes to a happy solution. I called Mrs. Strauss, and she's perfectly willing to take your place on the Committee, and will meet with it February 1.

We were glad to have you, and will be glad to have her! It was nice of you to be ready to stretch things to serve and make the trip, and when you ran into the already-promised, nothing to do but hold to the first undertaking.

I hope to see you February 2, if you can be at part of whatever the Interracial Committee plans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

From: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director of SRC.

To: All Virginia Members of SRC.

Letter asks you to approve a seven-man Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee will pick thirty people to be a Virginia Council on Human Relations.

If you approve, please fill in postcard and mail it.

Main facts herewith.

Gladly send any further info wished.

Encl.
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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N.E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 10, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Virginia Member:

We hope to set on foot a Virginia Council on Human Relations.

If you will recall, the Southern Regional Council has never asked its faithful Virginia members to set themselves up as an agency within Virginia, because we did not want to compete with the work of the appropriate Department (in the field of race relations) of the Virginia Council of Churches. But now that we have new resources from the Fund for the Republic to enable the Southern Regional Council to get a professionally staffed race relations agency going in each of a dozen Southern states, we want to launch in Virginia an SRC-type agency which can be fully inclusive.

We have the verbal assurance of the appropriate people in the Virginia Council of Churches that this move will have their enthusiastic assistance. It is proposed to pick about thirty Virginians to be a Virginia Council on Human Relations. Mostly they should be people active in particular organizations or interest-groups, though not necessarily officials of such agencies or groups. The thirty-odd persons would be the only voting members of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. But others interested in the program would be asked to join in its support, and that, incidentally, would make them subscribers to New South.

Problem is, how to pick the members of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. The proposed device is to ask you, the faithful SRC members in the state, to approve the selection of a Nominating Committee, and the Nominating Committee would pick the members of the Virginia Council.

Here is the proposed Nominating Committee: The Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, Staunton, Chairman; Paul Williams, Richmond; Rupert Picott, Richmond; Harry Roberts, Virginia State College; Mrs. Arnold Strauss, Norfolk; J. M. Ellison, Richmond; and Wilson Brown, Richmond.

The Nominating Committee would be willing to meet on February 1. It ought to be possible to convene later that month those invited to be on the Virginia Council.

If you approve the Nominating Committee, please send in the enclosed postcard. If you want to make suggestions on who should serve on the Nominating Committee, or suggest persons suitable to be members of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, please write.

I assume that the let-us-hope-will-be-organized Virginia Council on Human Relations will continue to write you from time to time and ask you to keep up your link with this movement in the state. But the Southern Regional Council itself, presumably, will not write you further. Meanwhile, as the Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, and on the Council's behalf, I thank you earnestly for your years of devotion and help to the things the Council stands for.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 10, 1955

Mrs. C. Russel Schaker
~~Seddon Isla~~nd Government Reservation
~~Tampa, Flo~~rida Clewiston, Fla

Dear Mrs. Schaker:

Because of the growing tensions and the activities of the Citizens Councils we are again calling a meeting of the church leadership of women at our conference on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta. We hope you will find it convenient to attend. Please advise us as soon as possible that we may send you further information about your travel and hotel expense and the place at which the meetings will take place.

We are glad to advise you that Mrs. E.U. Robinson and Miss Thelma Stevens both will be with us and will help us to work out a program of action to help allay the unrest these social changes have brought to us.

We hope to have a favorable reply from you. With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 10, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Ashley
State Chairman CSR
1611 Drake
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

I know you must be fully aware of the tensions in our South at the present time and you must know something of the activities of the Citizens Councils. We of the Southern Regional Council have been very much concerned and believe the church women of the South can have a big role in easing these tensions.

We will hold a meeting of church women leaders from over the South on February 24th and 25th and we are glad to state that Miss Stamats will be with us at this meeting. Please hold these dates and wait for further information as to the expense of travel and hotel reservations. We would appreciate it if you would advise us at an early date on whether you will find it convenient to attend.

Trusting you will be with us for this conference, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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January 10, 1955

Mrs. C.F. Goldthwait
State Chairman CSR
6101 Louisville
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Goldthwaite:

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Mrs. C.R. Noble
State President CSR
State College, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Noble:

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Miss Carolina Gillespie
State Chairman SSR
Route #1
Hartsville, S.C.

Dear Miss Gillespie:

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January 10, 1955

Mr. Bruno Tausig
Council Against Discrimination
187 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Tausig:

This confirms my wire of today agreeing to be available in Chicago on March 16th to speak to the meeting of the Council Against Discrimination. Under the terms of my wire of January 6th, you were to cover my expenses and give a fee of $50.00 to the Southern Regional Council.

Here is a photograph and a biographical data sheet.

Let me know later on the time, place, and circumstances.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

January 10, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Avenue S.
Birmingham 5, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Tatum:

I know you must be fully aware of the tensions in our South at the present time and you must know something of the activities of the Citizens Councils. We of the Southern Regional Council have been very much concerned and believe the church women of the South can have a big role in ~~easing~~ facing these tensions.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In charge of
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January 10, 1955

Mrs. J.A. Burt, Jr.
Clarksdale, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Burt:

Because of the growing tensions and the activities of the Citizens Councils we are again calling a meeting of the church leadership of women at our conference on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta. We hope you will find it convenient to attend. Please advise us as soon as possible that we may send you further information about your travel and hotel expense and the place at which the meetings will take place.

We are glad to advise you that Mrs. E.U. Robinson and Miss Thelma Stevens both will be with us and will help us to work out a program of action to help allay the unrest these social changes have brought to us.

We hope to have a favorable reply from you. With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
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January 10, 1955

Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Ex. Sec.
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Ward:

Because of the growing tensions and the increase in the number of Citizens Councils - "economic Klux-ers -" we are calling together the women leadership of the three faiths and the two races in the South for a two-day conference, on February 24th and 25th to work out a program of action ~~to ease~~ in face of the tensions and give strength and courage to those who must be leaders in the social changes we must face in our region.

We would like very much to have you be with us and if you have any suggestions for this conference we would appreciate having them. We would like very much to have an early reply from you, and we hope a favorable one.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
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P.S. Enclosed find $1.00. Please send us 100 copies of "The Bishop's Statement."

January 10, 1955

Mrs. S.R. Jones
303 N. Orange Avenue
Dothan, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jones:

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
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January 10, 1955

Mrs. John W. Curry
163 S. Court Street
Florence, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Curry:

We feel sure you are well aware of the tensions in the South at the present time and of the activities of the Citizens Councils. We of the Southern Regional Council are so concerned we are calling a meeting of women church leaders from the South to face the issues and to work out a program of action.

This conference will be in Atlanta, on February 24th and 25th, and we trust you will find it convenient to be with us. There will be funds for your travel and hotel expenses while you are here.

I am glad to tell you that Miss Thelma Stevens will be with us. We would appreciate it if you would advise us at an early date if you will be with us on February 24th and 25th.

With every good wish to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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January 10, 1955

Mrs. Durand Miller
Chipley, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Miller:

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly,
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 10, 1955

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Jones:

The tensions in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia especially make it imperative for us to call together again the church women of the South.

The dates will be February 24th and 25th and I will have to give you information later as to the place here in Atlanta for the meeting.

Miss Stamats from the United Church Women, Miss Thelma Stevens from our Board, Dr. Calhoun and Miss Jenkins from Presbyterian (South) are already lined up for the conference and I want your name to be on this line too.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know very quickly if you find it possible to be an advisor. We hope not to make pronouncements but to work out a program of action that will be carried through by the various groups represented.

Hoping for a favorable reply and with every good wish to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 10, 1955

Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson
505 W. Main
Laurens, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

I know you must have heard from Mrs. Robinson concerning the added tensions in the South brought about by the activities of the Citizens Councils. We feel it is necessary to have another conference of church leadership of the women and the dates have been set for February 24th and 25th. Later information as to the place here in Atlanta will be forwarded to you.

Mrs. Robinson and Thelma Stevens will be with us and we trust that you will also. I am glad to advise that we have the funds for your travel and hotel expenses.

We want your secretaries from Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina to be in the conference. If you have any suggestions for the conference please send them to me. In the meantime advise us as to whether you will be able to attend.

With the best of New Year greetings to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

Air Mail January 10, 1955

Miss Esther Stamats
United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I am so glad I can confirm the dates of February 24th and 25th for our meeting of church leaders and I am more than delighted that you will be with us.

It is possible for us to finance the travel and hotel expenses of your chairmen of CSR from South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. If you wish the others from the South to be with us we hope you will invite them. We regret we do not have funds to provide their transportation or hotel accommodations.

You said something to me about sponsorship and perhaps I did not make this plain to you. Before it has been the various denominational groups of women and the Y.W.C.A. Of course, we would be more than grateful if it would also be the United Church Women. Think through this and let me know.

Please send on any suggestions you may have for the conference.

Deeply grateful to you for the time you gave me last week and more than delighted that you will be with us in what we believe will be a strategic conference.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 11, 1955

Mrs. John B. Moose
Leesville, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Moose:

Again we are calling together the women leadership of the Southeastern states to face together the tensions rising from the Supreme Court school decision and to work out, if possible, a common program of action. This meeting is to be held on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta (the place will be given to you at a later date). We hope you will find it entirely convenient to be with us and we will pay your transportation and your hotel bill while you are here.

I am attaching a copy of an editorial in the Montgomery Advertiser that will give you some idea of the activity of the Citizens Counsils. These Councils are now in practically every county in Mississippi, several in Alabama and at least two in Georgia. I am enclosing the editorial that you might see the situation in our South is rather serious at the present time.

Hoping I may get a favorable reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/mf

January 11, 1955

Dr. H.H. Giles
Center for Human Relations Studies
Press Annex - Washington Square
New York University
New York, New York

Dear Mike:

I thought I ought to drop you a note and bring you up-to-date on what I have been doing. You will redall that we have been seeking to set up in the twelve Southern states ongoing race relations agencies and thus far I have toured as far north as Kentudky and Virginia, as far South as Mississippi and Florida, and as far West as Texas. We now have paid staff in the following states -- North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas. In Kentucky we have a special arrangement where instead of having an Executive Secretary we have ten consultants, five of them Negro and five of them white, who are working for the Kentucky Council on a parttime basis. The states of Arkansas and Tennessee are well activated but have yet to hire professional staff. The two cows tails involved are Virginia and Florida. In Virginia, however, we have a working relationship with a special commission of the Virginia Council of Churches which works in the field of race relations but we are creating there a Virginia Council on Human Relations too. This coming weekend I am going to Jacksonville for the Florida annual meeting in the hope that there we will create sufficient processes to shortly culminate in a fully organised state group capable of hiring and giving direction to an Executive Secretary.

I still enjoy the work very much and find working with George Mitchell and the other people here at the Council a real pleasure. Like most organisations which are rapidly expanding, we occasionally have growing pains but so far the patient has never been on the critical list. It might be described as only an occasional allergy.

Dr. H.H. Giles
January 11, 1955
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I am enclosing a copy of our booklet Answers for Action which may be, I believe, of considerable use to all of the students at the Center. We would be glad to supply them to you in bulk numbers at sixteen cents per copy. You might also ask any of the other interested profs whether they could use this material. We believe the dissemination of such information and material to be of practical value to the practitioners in the field.

I have heard that Franklin Patterson, formerly with NCCJ, is now with the Central Staff and I am certainly pleased to hear this for I know that Pat will make a real contribution. Please give him my warm regards and tell him I highly approve of his new position. Give my regards to the rest of my friends there at the Center particularly Miriam, Chan, and Rhetta, not forgetting of course your good wife Mary and the children. By the by, where is Lawry now?

Take care of yourself, Mike, and drop me a note when you have time.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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encl. Answers for Action

January 11, 1954

Driteria sent to:

Dr. R.D. Wellons, Pres.
Pembroke College
Pembroke, N.C.

Mr. J.R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work, N.C. State
Board of Charities and Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. W.L. Greene
North Carolina Teachers Assoc.
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dean Moses S. Belton
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, North Carolina

January 11, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
116 Parrish Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John Hervey:

Thanks for such an interesting day in Durham. I feel that we understand the North Carolina situation much better because of the Board meeting.

Parrish's suggestions (see attachment to Harry Jones' letter) should be of value to the nominating committee who are thinking about potential members for the North Carolina Executive Board. I am sending you an extra copy of it so that you may, if you think best, turn it over to Larkins. It might also be a good idea to share with Bill Brown Parrish's description of the state.

ok - rnf → I'm sending you under separate cover my copy of J.C. Dixon's speech to the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. It may have some material in it of use to the group preparing to appear before the North Carolina legislature.

Please tell Salina and Bill and Sophie how sorry I am in not having had a chance to see them. Give my best to Charles and Constance.

Your friend,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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Dictated by Mrs. Hamilton
Signed in her absence

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January 11, 1955

(Dictated January 10)

Mr. Daniel R. Francis
1221 N. W. Sixty-Seventh Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Francis:

Thanks for your wire this afternoon. Here are a couple of mats and a glossy and a personal data sheet.

A leaflet about SRC is enclosed too. I should think you could find useable publicity quotes from it.

I would need to have my expenses down and back covered. As it looks now, it is plane to Jacksonville, train to Miami Saturday night. For the moment I don't know what that is, but I should think that $80.00 would cover it. In addition, the Southern Regional Council ought to have a modest honorarium given to it. Fifty dollars if you can afford it, twenty-five dollars if you can't.

But I remember how pleasant an occasion it was before, and look forward to it this time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 11, 1955

Dictated January 7

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I thought things went well enough in Richmond. Everyone agreed on a seven-man Nominating Committee as below:

The Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, Staunton, Chairman
Paul Williams, Richmond
Rupert Picott, Richmond
Harry Roberts, Virginia State College, Petersburg
*Mrs. Arnold Strauss, Norfolk
J. M. Ellison, Richmond
Wilson Brown, Richmond

I am trying to arrange a meeting of that Committee at Petersburg, Tuesday, February 1. Petersburg to suit Mrs. Jaffe's convenience via N&W.*

I have notified Mr. Moron and Mr. Thomas Young of these arrangements, as other Board members who were interested.

Most kind of you to give me time the other morning, and to take me back into the city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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*Mrs. Jaffe wired me Saturday with profuse apologies that she had forgotten a long-standing commitment for February 1. She suggested Mrs. Arnold Strauss to serve in her place. Mrs. Strauss agreed. Mrs. Strauss is game to come to Richmond. So meeting is arranged for Richmond, February 1.

January 11, 1955

Mr. John Slawson
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Slawson:

Among other magazines I plow through in the stilly-watches of the night, is the Progressive. Its January issue has a pleasant two-page article by Richard H. Rovere called "Of This I Sing." The burden of this is that he has noticed in the last few years that prejudiced talk is less than it used to be. He doesn't credit anybody in particular for this; he just says that it is a nice gain.

I am satisfied that the careful and responsible work of the American Jewish Committee has played a large part in this significant American gain. And, for one man, I thank you and your whole organization for good work done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

Mr. Benjamin R. Epstein
National Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Epstein:

The January, 1955, issue of the Progressive has a nice two-page article by Richard Rovere called "Of This I Sing." He simply notes that prejudiced talk is less heard than it used to be; and he suggests that various organizations, unnamed, have had a hand in bringing this about.

I would like to put in my two cents worth that I think the Anti-Defamation League and other organizations, particularly the Jewish organizations, have done a magnificant job on this whole matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

Miss Dorothy A. Frey
Campus
Delaware State College
Dover, Delaware

Dear Miss Frey:

Nice to have your letter.

The Southern Regional Council got going in 1944, on the basis of the twenty-five years work of the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation (started in 1919, after the riots which followed World War I). We have been doing our best, in all these years, to lessen interracial injustice and strife, to improve things for the whole South in matters of schools and health and housing and jobs and farms and representation, ~~of~~ justice and police and so on. We have had a small but thoughtful and effective membership in most of the Southern States, and they have been willing to go and see people and try to get things done. We put out a good little maggie, c called New South, for two dollars a year. Treats of developments in this whole field in the South. Lately we've had improved foundation help, and we are using it to put paid professional staff under independent but affiliated agencies (usually called Councils on Human Relations) in each of twelve Southern states.

I make some claim to being one of the Blue Hen's chicks. Lived in Newark 1914-20, when my father was at the College. Otherwise raised in Virginia and South Carolina, to college at Delaware and Richmond and at Johns Hopkins and in England. Taught Economics at Columbia in New York for six years, worked in the New Deal for nine, ran the CIO-PAC in the South for a year, and have been with the Southern Regional Council one way or another since 1945.

Recommendation: Best way to get ahead on the whole matter of the schools is for small groups of white and Negro persons to meet together, town by town or perhaps neighborhood by neighborhood, and talk over how desegregation is to be accomplished. In a first meeting or two they would make friends on the issue; in later ones would go on to find the exact local facts (how many children in what schools and of what ages and in what grades, and under which teachers, and where are the school district lines, and who walks or rides how far, and how many would it be in what schools? and so on). Out of understanding and the facts would come a plan, bound to percolate through the community. And then when official action is taken, the community is at least partly prepared. Maybe you have gone way beyond this in Delaware, but where it hasn't been used, it's the best device we know. SRC puts out a grant pamphlet for just such groups, called *Answers for Action: The Schools in the South*. Here's one for free, and more in quantities at 16 cents plus postage, or single copies at 20 cents.

Let us know how you do, and please send us your LIFT.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Answers for Action sent under separate cover this date.

January 11, 1955

Mrs. F. C. Clarkson
227 Cherokee Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Clarkson:

I did thread my way through Charlotte last Wednesday, late in the afternoon, and called the Clarkson's home, but as nobody answered I hastened the Ford on down toward Atlanta. Wherefore I write to fulfill the mission.

I talked with Mr. Moran Weston about December 15, in New York, and urged that in whatever positive steps the Church might take toward solution in the public school matter it try to get going small local discussion-groups, usually white and Negro, and perhaps usually among Church women. Such little groups would make friends on the issues, find the facts about the two sets of schools in the neighborhood (how many children, of what ages, in what grades, at what buildings, at what distances from their homes, within which schools district lines, under teachers with what tenure, etc.), and almost inevitably from the facts would emerge a local and quite likely an agreed plan for getting on with the job.

Weston agreed, with enthusiasm, and hoped that some evidence would be forthcoming from the South that was workable, and acceptable. My mind, and his, turned to you, as a suitable person to try to get the matter experimented with. Not that you would have to organise three or five groups yourself, but that within Church channels, you try to get the idea acted upon, and report the results.

Will you think about it, and do what you think wise. And let Mr. Weston know?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. The new pamphlet which I send up separately is better than last year's.

cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones

January 11, 1955

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

Here's the Richard Rovere article. I wrote Mr. Epstein and people in two or three other organizations in praise of this achievement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 11, 1955

Mrs. D. Duvall Chambers
3517 Devereus Road
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

Because of the tensions in our South over the Supreme Court school decision and the activities of the Citizens Councils (we enclose an editorial from the Montgomery Advertiser) we are again calling together the church women leadership of the South for a meeting to face the issues and to work out a common program of action.

This meeting will be on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta and we sincerely hope you will find it convenient to be with us. Your expenses of travel and hotel will be paid. I would appreciate it if you would let me hear from you at an early date.

With every good wish to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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Original of this ltr to:

Harry S. Jones
Milton Vigo
N. A. Dickson
Mrs. Lyells
Mrs. Spearman
Guy Wells
Tom Sutherland
F. Woods Beckman
Hugh Brimm (January 11, 1955)

Robert Hughes

Davisson Dunlap
Fred Darragh
C. H. Parrish
Dr. Elsie Lewis
Rev. C. C. Walker (January 12, 1955)

All copies of AFA sent January 12, 1955

January 11, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We've got eight or ten thousand copies of the reprinted (improved map) form of Answers for Action: the Schools in the South. Perfect for discussion-group use, and helpful to many groups.

We need to sell them, and soon, before they get out of date.

Churches and Unions and various bodies did well last Fall in getting them by hundreds. Now the sale needs to be localized.

Will you try earnestly to help us get them out?

They cost us 16¢ apiece to print. Retail is 20¢; in batches of 25 up, they can go at 16¢ plus postage.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
AFA sent under separate cover this date.

January 11, 1955

Rev. Lewis Deer
Mission Building
220 Downey Street
Indianapolis, Inc.

Dear Mr. Deer:

You are familiar with the tensions in the South over the Supreme Court school decision and also with the activities of the Citizens Counsils -- manicured KKK's -- who are bringing economic pressure on Negroes who seek the fulfillment of the decision. Because of the seriousness of all this, we are calling together the women church leaders of the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina to face the issues and, if possible, to work out a program of action that will be included in all the programs of the various denominational women's organizations. We believe you might like to be in on this meeting. If so, you will more than find a welcome.

There are two requests that I want to make of you. Advise me of the name of the woman who more or less directs the social action of the Christian Women that we might invite her to come to this meeting. My second request is please send me a copy of the pronouncements on the Supreme Court decision made by your national convention in Miami.

With every good wish to you in your new job, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 11, 1955

Rt. Rev. M.V. Shean
Box 895
512 Ebenezer Avenue
Rock Hill, S.C.

Dear Father Shean:

As we have done several times when tensions were great in the South, we are calling together church leaders of the Southern states to find ways in which they, as church leaders, can allay the tensions and yet lead out in the matter of the rights of minorities. This meeting will be here in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th. We need your help in finding some Catholic women to be present as the conference would not be complete unless we have representatives of the three faiths. Furthermore, we would need people of the Catholic faith because your church has taken the lead in desegregating its schools. From them we could get stories of the ease of the transition and its acceptance.

Would it be possible for the Catholic Committee of the South or any other agency to pay the travel and hotel bill of any who might come? We have some funds and if we can get Catholic representation no other way, we will divide the funds so we can pay. We are particularly concentrating on the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

If you, too, would like to drop in on us we would be more than glad. I would appreciate it if you would give me an early reply. With the best of New Year wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 11, 1955

Mrs. George R. Martin
4908 Powhatan Avenue
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Martin:

I know you are fully aware of the tensions and the activities of the Citizens Councils -- economic Klux-ers -- and we hope you will join a group of church women who will meet together here on February 24th and 25th to face these troublesome issues and to work out some program of action that will help to allay the tension and to give strength and courage to our church leaders.

We will have funds for your travel and hotel bill. We believe you will be invaluable to us, not only because of your experience and vision, but because of your leadership of one of the great groups of church women of the South. Therefore, we are hoping you will accept this invitation at an early date.

Awaiting your reply and with every good wish to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 11, 1955

Mrs. Herbert McAbee
106 Perry Avenue
Greenville, S.C.

Dear Mrs. McAbee:

Because of the growing tensions and the activities of the Citizens Councils we are again calling a meeting of the church leadership of women at our conference on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta. We hope you will find it convenient to attend. Please advise us as soon as possible that we may send you further information about your travel and hotel expense and the place at which the meetings will take place.

We are glad to advise you that Mrs. E.U. Robinson and Miss Thelma Stevens both will be with us and will help us to work out a program of action to help allay the unrest these social changes have brought to us.

We hope to have a favorable reply from you. With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 11, 1955

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
C/O Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

On February 24th and 25th, we are having here in Atlanta a meeting of church women of the South to face the serious issues of this day. It would bring joy to all of us if you were to find it possible to be with us.

This meeting is sponsored by the Southern Regional Council, the various church denominations and the Y.W.C.A. Miss Esther Stamats of United Church Women will be with us.

Please let me hear from you at an early date and I hope you will be able to inform us that you will be with us. With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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January 11, 1955

Mr. R.L. Hunt
National Council of Churches
of Christ
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Because of the tensions in our South at this time, we feel it necessary again to call together the leadership of the church women of the South as we did in 1953.

The dates for the conference are February 24th and 25th and we would like to have you with us. If you have any suggestions for the conference we would appreciate having them.

Further information as to place of meeting will be forthcoming later. In the meantime hold these dates if possible and advise us if you find it convenient to attend.

With every regard to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 11, 1955

Mrs. L.R. Barber
Moultrie, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Barber:

Because of the growing tensions and the activities of the Citizens Councils we are again calling a meeting of the church leadership of women at our conference on February 24th and 25th here in Atlanta. We hope you will find it convenient to attend. Please advise us as soon as possible that we may send you further information about your travel and hotel expense and the place at which the meetings will take place.

We are glad to advise you that Mrs. E.U. Robinson and Miss Thelma Stevens both will be with us and will help to work out a program of action to help allay the unrest these social changes have brought to us.

We hope to have a favorable reply from you. With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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Leopine Carswell
199 Cameron St. S.E.
[illegible]

January 11, 1955

Mr. Lewis Jones
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Harold Fleming and I had talked over the 1954 report and reached some views on an alternative approach for later years. We started from the premise that the long series of Tuskegee reports is a most significant lever in moving public opinion, and we wanted Tuskegee to keep this effective force in full usefulness.

We thought the problem was to find a credible arithmetic measure of the degree of respect mustered in the South for equal human dignity. It seemed to us that the workable measure was violence used on grounds of race against human rights. We thought of three ready fields in which the sheer number of incidents would furnish some measure of this respect for human dignity:

1. Bombings and other violence in housing matters
2. Violence and indignities visited upon persons by police officials where race was an obvious factor
3. Violence upon private citizens by private citizens where race is a factor.
4. Maybe incidents prevented, or punished for.

Of course there is the problem of weighing each such incident, but in a large number of incidents statistics begin to tell over the character of the individual items.

We thought that a measure of this kind ought to be convincing and significant in its changes from year to year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your recent letter inviting me to participate in the Southwide Interorganizational Conference at Fisk. I shall be pleased, indeed, to act as Co-chairman of Section III - Professional and Civic Organizations: General Community Activities.

I will look forward to the possibilities of this Conference. I think there are many potential gains that may come from it. It seems to me that one of the great problems facing us in this whole field is the problem of communications, not only between the two races but also between the organizations which work in this field. If we can work out better communications between the organizations at the Fisk Conference it will have been well worthwhile.

With every good wish for your health and the continued success of your work in this New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
encl.

January 11, 1955

Mrs. Helen Hiett Waller
The New York Herald-Tribune Forum
230 West Forty-First Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Waller:

Many thanks for the neatly printed version of the 1954 volume done for USIA. If we could have as many as twenty copies, we would be very appreciative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

Miss Nancy Skiles
301 Carathers
Austin, Texas

Dear Miss Skiles:

Buck Kester and I are good friends, and I saw various pictures of last summer's work-camp.

This central office is unlikely to have any vacancies, but you should be in touch with your own Texas Commission on Race Relations, which has its offices there in Austin. The Director is Thomas Sutherland, at 309 West Twenty-First Street. Telephone 7-8819.

We are doing our best to get a dozen state agencies going well, in the field of race relations, and Texas is one of them. Go and see Tom Sutherland, and he knows all we know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland

Dr. George Mitchell
Executive Director of So. Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Rosalie Oaks referred me to you when I expressed my desire to do work out of the ordinary and perhaps in the field of racial integration.

I spent this past summer in the Ecumenical Work Camp at Swananoa, N. C., under Rev. Howard Kester of the Fellowship of So. Churchmen. Experiences there confirmed my desire to know more about organizations in the South working toward racial integration and hopes of perhaps working with them.

I would appreciate all information you can offer concerning a job with your group next fall.

Thank you so much.

Respectfully,

/s/

nancy [redacted] Skiles

January 11, 1955

(Dictated January 7)

Mr. Kenneth Kramer
Managing Editor
Business Week
330 West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Kramer:

A few weeks ago your Mr. Frank Fogarty came to see us here and said he was doing an article on Negro progress in the South. Various of us here in the Council talked with him, and thereafter went about our business.

Fogarty very kindly sent us a copy of the December 18th issue which had his story in it. It is quite the best such story that I have seen. He got much more deeply into the facts than most people have done, and he put a careful and wise judgment on the facts.

Our Council gets called in on a good many stories of this kind; this is the best done that we have encountered.

If the article is to be reprinted, please let us know, as we should like to have a modest number to distribute.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Frank Fogarty
Mr. William H. Kearns

January 11, 1955

Mr. Everett Ross Clinchy
National Conference of Christians and
Jews, Inc.
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Clinchy:

There is a nice article in the January issue of the Progressive done by Richard Rovere and called "Of This I Sing." Mostly he simply says that as he moves around he notices that prejudice is less in this country than it used to be. He doesn't give credit to anybody; he just says it is less; and he's proud of the fact.

I think the change is, in good measure, attributable to careful work of social engineering which a variety of organizations has done. And it seems to me that the National Conference of Christians and Jews is high on the list in this achievement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

(Dictated January 7)

Mr. Johnny G. Hicks
Educational Director
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers
542 South Lewis
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Brother Hicks:

I thought $200 a good round sum myself, but if you will look up the plane fare, you will find out that a round trip comes out at not a whole lot less than that, and make allowances for hotel and meals, and there you are. It's just a pity that Atlanta is so far from Tulsa.

I want to meet with your group, and sometime later when there is a chance, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

(Dictated January 7)

Miss Rae Brandstein
Executive Secretary
National Committee for Rural Schools, Inc.
112 East Nineteenth Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Miss Brandstein:

Do come and see us whenever you can. I don't know when I will get to New York again, but we will look for your here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

(Dictated January 10)

Mr. James O. Ogunsanya
Box 78
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ogunsanya:

The best suggestion I can make is that you talk to the Superintendent of the Emory University Hospital and see if you can pick up a job as an orderly. They need orderlies around the clock, and maybe something would work out that would fit your hours.

If Emory hasn't got an opening you should ask the Emory man for advise about the other hospitals in Atlanta.

Best wishes, and come to see us again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 11, 1955

Miss Anne Windler
Lynchburg College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Windler:

That's rather a hard request to fill, but by good luck we had printed in February, 1954, an article by a Negro student at Talladega College, in Alabama, which may come pretty close to filling the bill.

You ought to send us a dollar for the ten copies, if you can scratch up the dollar. But you merely asked for info., and didn't make a sure enough order, or say how many, and if the group can't find a dollar we will just be sorry!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

January 12, 1955

Mr. Mayes Behrman
Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
225 East Lee Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Warm thanks for your Christmas report.

I praise every item of accomplishment, and the spirit in which it was done. And the pioneer A to Z effort is a joy; not perfect (nothing new is ever complete) but full of the energy of good purpose and hard work and fresh experience. I am glad it isn't all slicked up like the product of a New York office; it comes out of actual Southern experience, and it fits the situations people will meet. Sleep at night; you are doing good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 12, 1955

TO: Mr. Harry S. Jones

To save copying, we send you the original. Please send it back for our files.

January 12, 1955

Mr. Robert L. Barrus
Celo
North Carolina

Dear Bob Barrus

It's good American practice that when somebody applies for a job you faithfully review the documents, and if you think that the applicant seems qualified, you check further into the possibility of using the applicant, regardless of race.

Also there's some reason to suppose that Negro teachers of skill and ability will be liked as teachers of white or of mixed classrooms. I don't say it will be easy to get going, but I do say it will appear from time to time, and increasingly.

As to the particular prospect in your County, the legal rights of school officials and of applicants would have to be established by inquiry through N. C. school channels. But from your letter I gather that the applicant from Teachers College who is a Negro has no previous experience of teaching in North Carolina, has no North Carolina certifiSate, and no North Carolina teacher-tenure. So her legal rights must be at a minimum, though her human rights should be complete.

If the candidate is good it would be a pity for North Carolina children to be deprived of what she can teach. And if every county says "let some other experiment" few will.

Come to see us. And maybe you would want to join your new North Carolina Council on Human Relations at 121 East Third Street, Charlotte, Room 209.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones

January 12, 1955

Mr. David D. Carroll
Carroll Estates
Bennettsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I had you on my calendar, and looked forward to your being here. But your letter came instead.

Do come when you can; it would be a special pleasure to talk. Meanwhile try to see Alice Spearman, at 3315 Colin Kelly Drive, Columbia (3-2713).

I need some more swapping of views with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 12, 1955

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

For your files here's a copy of the Treasury letter establishing tax-exemption for the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 13, 1955

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We are extremely grateful for the Field Foundation's check for $7,000, being the initial payment under the terms of the Foundation's award to the Southern Regional Council made in October, 1954, for the support of *New South* for the calendar year, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Official Receipt of SRC.

January 13, 1955

Mr. Bem Price
The Associated Press
Star Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

This is to express my appreciation for your fine series of articles on school segregation in the South and the subsequent article on racial attitudes in Mississippi.

Too often such treatment of Southern problems in the national press is glib, superficial, lacking in basic understanding of the complexities of Southern race relations. All the more reason to welcome the insight with which you observed and reported the developments that have followed the Supreme Court's decision of May 17.

Perhaps the most significant tribute to your articles was the wide play they received in Southern newspapers. The results of our clipping service showed that they appeared in virtually all of the major daily newspapers in the region. These Southern editors, who are intimately familiar with the problem, obviously shared our high opinion of the integrity of your work.

As an organization concerned with getting the soundest possible public understanding of racial matters, we were gratified by this exceptionally good job of interpretation.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 13, 1955

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Here's a one-sheet job on land tenure done for a Methodist group. I think it contains the essential points.

Among the items which ought to be covered in a pamphlet are:

Quite briefly, the historical way in which the South fell into the annual unwritten lease;

The trends and the statistics of land tenure for, say, eighty years back;

Such trends as can be discerned in the present turmoil of reorganization of land use and tenure;

Wastefulness of short-term tenure;

The way the annual unwritten lease fitted in with annual financing of the cotton crop;

The way it doesn't fit in with financing and production of livestock;

The effect of shaky tenure on community life -- churches, schools, and so on;

Examples where a number of communities have voluntarily shifted to better land tenure;

Maybe a paragraph on the business called "A Protestant Program for the Family Farm;

Land tenure and rural housing;

The possibility of a series of state statutes enacting statutory leases which would be held to be valid in the absence of legal contracts in customary terms;

Importance of compensation for unexhausted values of improvements;

Importance of arbitration on this point;

Possible use of local SCS districts as sources of impartial arbiters;

How could an educational campaign be organized? Extension, SCS, VOAG, FHA;

Any way to tie better leases in with ACP?;

Leases as a factor, statistically and otherwise, in the South.

I don't suppose a man would have to do all these points, but certainly some of them. What I would really like to see happen is a big educational campaign. I don't think we are going to get state enforcement of statutory leases. This country just doesn't work that way, but an educational campaign could do a tremendous amount of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

P.S.
I have always understood that the Extension Bulletins for various states do include brags about improvement in farm leasing practices in special communities. A review of these would be a good thing.

January 13, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Church
Post Office Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

The other members of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Mr. Wilson Brown
State Planters Bank
Ninth Street at Main
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond

Mr. James M. Ellison
Virginia Union University
Richmond

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond

Mr. Harry Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg

Mrs. Arnold Strauss
Algonquin Park
Norfolk

You will have received my letter saying that the place had been moved to Richmond. But the date remains the same, February 1st, and the hour is the same, noonish, for a luncheon gathering.

I am sending you, separately, some lists of people suitable to be considered for membership on the Virginia Council on Human Relations. It is made up fundamentally from a selection of persons who happened to have continued to be members of the Southern Regional Council in Virginia through all these ten years: Thirty-odd names submitted by Emerson Smith; thirty-odd names submitted by Rupert Picott; five or six names that came in from the Norfolk Woman's Council on Interracial Cooperation; and a few other names that cropped up as I ran through all of the lists successively with Emerson Smith, Rupert Picott, Gordon Hancock, and J. M. Ellison.

Obviously any lists so made up have some bias in them. My original list is slanted intrinsically toward those aging Virginians who faithfully clung to SRC through the last ten years. Young persons pushing up are few, and women are few. Also people from other cities than Norfolk and Richmond are few. The rural interest is hardly represented at all. So, emphatically, nothing limiting about the lists; many names not here listed should be considered, and various of them should survive on to the Council.

I have broken down the assorted lists with which I started into three lists which I have called "A", "B", and "C". "A" is people as to whom there was general agreement between Emerson Smith and Picott and Ellisen and Mitchell and Gordon Hancock, as suitable to be considered.

"B" is people obviously to be considered but not pushed for quite as hard by those with whom I talked.

"C" is people thought of by one or the other of us as available tinder. Considering how limited was the information of those who prepared and conferred on these lists in their raw state, I would put very little faith in the brackets of "A", "B", and "C". Still, it seemed to me wise to save what work had gone into preliminary sifting in the conferences in Richmond, January 4th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Labor is conspicuously unrepresented, and should be represented.

Encl: Lists "A", "B", and "C"

January 13, 1955

TO: KS

Please see to it that David Freeman, the Fund for the Republic, 1 East 54th Street, New York, and Phil Coombs, the Fund for the Advancement of Education, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, receive New South henceforth.

This is by request of David Freeman in a letter of January 10th, 1955.

January 13, 1955

(Dictated January 11)

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Many thanks for your letter of January 10th. We will see to it that New South reaches you and Phil Coombs.

Perfectly all right for Oscar Lee to see the January 6th report. But I wouldn't like it quoted from anywhere.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 13, 1955

Mr. Richard I. Borden
Antioch College
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Dear Mr. Borden:

We were very much interested in the copy of your letter to Mr. James C. Evans apropos of the article in the November issue of New South.

That, as you know, was an official report of the Department of Defense. It is not surprising that, like most official reports, it was at some remove from the day to day practices that the man on the scene observes at first hand. Having served for a time with the then segregated Negro units in World War II, I know how much "unofficial" discrimination can characterize actual practices at the unit level under an impeccable official policy.

Your factual comments on what you experienced in service should be a healthy corrective for Mr. Evans and his associates in the Department of Defense. We appreciate your writing him and sending us a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 13, 1955

Dr. J. Curtis Dixon
Southern Education Foundation
811 Cyprus Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Curtis:

I have been meaning for some time to add my words of praise to the many others you must have received for your speech before the SACSC. It was a magnificent job of drawing together the significant elements in the school situation today and presenting them in a balanced, persuasive fashion.

Guy Wells tells me that the speech will be reprinted by the Association. When and if it is available in reprint form we should very much like to get hold of a few copies.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 13, 1955

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Fred asked me to drop you a note in answer to your request on materials.

The history of SRC is still on the agenda, but has had to take a back seat to New South at the moment. I hope to get a draft done fairly soon, and then it will be a question of finding the money to print it. It won't be an issue of New South.

The idea of a pamphlet on local interracial committees has never been more than an idea. You received, I believe, an excerpt from Earl Brewer's manuscript, which is all we had ~~ever~~ planned to circulate up to now. It's possible that later on we will give some attention to local communications between the races in New South articles.

On a more positive note, in the next couple of weeks we will have ready a small book (December-January New South) reprinting a selection of New South articles during the last nine years. This should be a useful background document for all individuals and groups interested in race relations. We hope you will find it useful and will help us promote its sale.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

Orig. of this ltr. sent to:

January 14, 1955

Mr. Harry Roberts
Virginia State College
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Emerson Smith says that he has made arrangements for the meeting of the Nominating Committee to be held at the Central YMCA, 2 West Franklin Street in Richmond, at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 1st.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
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Original of this ltr

to Harry Roberts
Mrs. Arnold Strauss
James Ellison
J. Rupert Picott
Mr. Paul Williams

January 14, 1955

Mr. C. Emerson Smith
The Virginia Council of Churches
Department of Christian Social Relations
109 West Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

Many thanks for working out the time and place for the luncheon on Tuesday, February 1. I have notified all members of the Nominating Committee that that is where and when it is to be.

We will expect you and the secretary-lady to be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1955

Mr. Wilson M. Brown
State-Planters Bank and Trust Company
Richmond 14, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Emerson Smith tells me that the "one and only" meeting of the Nominating Committee is arranged for the Central YMCA, 2 West Franklin Street in Richmond, at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 1st.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1955

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Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

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I have notified all of the members of the Nominating Committee of this time and place.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

January 14, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 E. Sixth Street
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Fred:

It's been quite some time since I had the pleasure of being out in Little Rock and I wish I could come out again soon, but our travel budget isn't too extensive so that's impossible at the moment.

How about dropping me a note and letting me know what's going on out there. I assume that your Executive Committee, or perhaps a continuing committee of the Executive Board, has been meeting from time to time since those organizational meetings which took place when I was there. Have you made a decision as to whom you are going to hire for the job of Executive Secretary? You mentioned that Mr. Walker was being considered for the job and we have heard good reports about him from people out that way.

Give my regards to Harry Ashmore and Ed Dunaway. Also to Mrs. Bates and Mr. Walker.

Warm regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/rnf

cc:CHP

January 14, 1955

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Ex. Sec.
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your two communiques.

Regarding your membership meeting, certainly you have our go-ahead signal on this. I note that your membership dues were set at $3.50 ($2.00 for New South and $1.50 for your treasury). In view of the necessity of raising $1800 during this first year period, I should think that would make your job far more difficult. But certainly the state organization has every right to set its dues at a level which it thinks best.

Thank you for your letter of January 10th with the enclosed correspondence between you and Mr. Foster, and you and Mrs. Ogelsby. I have read it with interest and I am continuing to digest it. I don't know just when it will be possible for me to be in South Carolina but as you say it would be to our advantage to talk this thing through. I do feel that you and Mr. Foster have reached agreement after reading the more recent letters of correspondence. I would gather from reading Mrs. Ogelsby's letter and also the comments both you and Mr. Foster made about her that she is a professionally trained person and I assume that you will probably use her in other capacities as well as for secretarial work. I will make further comments on this matter after I have more fully digested the contents.

Trusting that this finds you well.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organizations

FBR/rnf

January 14, 1955
(Dictated January 12)

TO: MRS. TILLY

In a note from Mrs. Crate today, she said that the Texas Council of Churches, in its annual meeting at Fort Worth, Friday, January 7th, urged integration in the public schools and also in the churches.

January 14, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Many thanks for sending on the certificate in re Sutherland and Mrs. Maxine Lombard. Our files are approaching completion on this matter.

We are all interested in the news of the resolution of the Texas Council of Churches on January 7th. If you can send us a copy, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1955
(Dictated January 12)

TO: STAFF

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations has now established an office at 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The telephone number is 6-8808. The address we formerly had for Mrs. Spearman is her residence address. Mrs. Spearman wishes her mail sent to the office.

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January 14, 1955

(Dictated January 12)

Miss Mary Dolan
Friendship House
1525 Milam Street
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mary Dolan:

I enjoyed a lot the January issue of the Catholic Interracialist. I had a good time at Shreveport, and appreciate the opportunity to stop in for a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1955

(Dictated January 12th)

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Congratulations on having an office and a downtown address. Proud of you. Duly down in my book, and spread to all in the office here.

Nothing much I can tell you from the Anderson meeting. Pritchett is a grand fellow doing a good job, though one feels, oppresively, the weight of Anderson's timidities. I believe that in conversations with Pritchett and his friends you could get a goodish membership in the Anderson area.

We have no idea at all of why Mr. Coker resigned. His letter said that he had a multiplicity of responsibilities and was going to have to cut down. I should think that you would find him still the warm friend of South Carolina causes in this direction.

I have some connection with the Nicholas Mitchells because he, years ago, taught at Richmond College for a Summer or so when my father was away. They are both in history. No kin, and we have no more than met once or twice.

I have notified the various names you gave out to the right people in the states. Thank you. Always helpful.

I do not see Adult Education. If I really ought to read the Verner article, say so and I will cause it to be dug out from somewhere.

For the moment I can't find any assurance as to when anybody from here is driving to the Fisk meeting. I think the man who runs the Georgia Committee is, but he is out of town and I can't get the dope. I will notify you about Friday of this week of what may be feasible.

The news release which SRC gave out a few days after the receipt of the grant from the Fund for the Republic is tolerable in explanation of what the money was for. Here's a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 14, 1955

(Dictated January 12)

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Rinehart:

The Southern Regional Council is a Board of Directors, and the Board has elected you to it and are hoping you will serve.

For most of its ten years of life, the Council was a membership body. The members met once a year and elected a Board. The Board picked an Executive Committee which runs the works. About the time our grant from the Fund for the Republic came through, the by-laws were changed to turn over the scattered Southwide membership in the Council to the new state organizations. Then the Southern Regional Council itself became a smallish self-perpetuating Board; fifty people originally elected by the last of the annual membership meetings. Two people from the state organizations. Six or eight officers. That is the whole Board.

By the time of this annual meeting there were a few vacancies, and to them were elected the following, who have accepted: Hodding Carter; Jerome Crossman, a former president of the Chamber of Commerce of Dallas; I. H. Burney of Jacksonville, Afro-American Life Insurance executive; Philip Hammer, an economic consultant in Atlanta; and Bishop W. T. Watkins of the Methodist Church in Louisville (oral acceptance so far). They also elected you, and we all greatly hope that you will want to come on to the Board.

The Board meets once a year. The meetings thus far have been in Atlanta, but they can be anywhere the Board wants them to be. Expenses are paid. The Board is not somnolent; it *is* the Council. In the one meeting it has held since the reorganization it was a vigorous body.

I give you a list of those presently on the Board. Also, the by-laws, almost exactly as they stand except for one tiny amendment about the Nominating Committee which is not yet on this copy.

The Florida group will be meeting in a few days to get launched as the Florida Council on Human Relations. Fred Routh tells me that they intend to set up an office at Orlando. Your being on the Board of the Southern Regional Council would make you a sort of respected friend of the Florida Council on Human Relations; but your real job would be to help run the Southwide show.

Do let me know whether you are willing to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

January 14, 1955

Dictated January 13

Mr. David A. McCandless
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Mr. McCandless:

Re your call about coming up for February 10th, Eastern Air Lines has two north-bound planes which might do the trick. The easy trip leaves Atlanta at 7:15 in the morning and arrives at Louisville at 9:13 a.m. Louisville time. That is at the airport of course and I would have to allow possibly another forty-five minutes for getting downtown. Sounds riskily late to me.

The other one is an air coach leaving Atlanta at 4:15 a.m. and arriving, non-stop, at Louisville at 4:43 a.m. Louisville time. I expect that the air coach flight is the one to take.

By present plans, I ought to come back to Atlanta on one of the early evening flights that day.

I assume you are standing the cost of the trip, which ought to be little more than plane fare and to and from the airports.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1955

(Dictated January 13)

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Mighty nice of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 14, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Most kind of you to ask me to speak at the evening service at your church on Sunday, February 13th. Delighted, of course, to accept.

I will build my talk, as you suggest, around the work of the Southern Regional Council and the Christian's place in our social problems. And if there is to be a small gathering later, that will be pleasant also.

Yes, if the hotel will have a room for me, I would be delighted to sleep there Sunday night.

Mr. Whitsett says that he is trying to work out an engagement for me at Talladega that Sunday morning. I will be with his group in the afternoon, and with you in the evening. I will drive, and Monday morning will light out for Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FLORIDA DIVISION
ANNUAL MEETING
Jacksonville, Fla.
January 15-16, 1955

Present from the staff were G.S. Mitchell, C.H. Parrish, F.B. Routh

Meeting was held at the Central YWCA and was attended by some 40-45 people from Florida, most of whom came from the Jackson area, but such other areas as Tallahassee, Gainesville, Palatka, Bell Glade and Daytona Beach were represented.

At the meeting the following action was taken:

1. A new set of bylaws was approved by the group.

2. It was decided that incorporation papers would be filed before a Duval County Circuit Court.

3. A Personnel Committee to select paid staff would be appointed.

4. A Finance Committee to examine possibilities of raising funds would be appointed.

5. Fred Routh would be invited to travel about the state (travel expenses to be paid out of state funds) for the purpose of tightening state organization and starting processes in local areas.

6. It was decided to expand the Board of Directors to include representatives from the various areas into which the state has been divided.

    a. A nucleus was chosen in each area with the recommendation that this nucleus propose or nominate further members for the State Board (it was felt that local people would better know who would best serve).

It would seem that there is a better understanding in the Florida group now about the possibilities of what can be done than there was in the past. The group is now thinking more in terms of process and how we get things done than in a "push button" solution to our problems. There was a desire on the part of the Board to be a working group. Many people expressed fairly strong feelings that when an Executive Secretary is hired the work of the Board would really be greatly increased rather than terminated. This type of understanding, I believe, is indicative of growth on the part of the Florida group.

I had long informal talks with Mr. Alexander, prominent Negro businessman; Davisson Dunlap, state chairman and prominent attorney; and Crawford Solomon, prominent publisher and confidant of the Governor. All of these people expressed belief that much could be done in the state of Florida, that the new Governor would resist moves comparable to those regarding the public schools in South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana. All of them also saw the necessity of strengthening the Board of Directors of the Florida group on a basis of representativeness and further saw the need to be constantly aware of the dangers of creeping paternalism. One other person who has closely related to the group as a result of meetings and discussions is a young chap named Jack Price who formerly was on the staff of Senator Pepper and worked with Senator Lehman. He is a native of Jacksonville, of old Southern stock, has been a member of ADA and other progressive movements, is deeply dedicated to the democratic ideal.

A copy of the minutes and a copy of the corrected bylaws and the incorporation charter will be forwarded to the Central Office on their completion.

Frederick B. Routh

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1/18/55

January 17, 1955

Mrs. J.E. Johnston
1506 Lyncrest
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Johnston:

Realizing that the disturbed and perturbed South presents a challenge to the faith and courage of church women, we are calling a conference of the leaders of the women's groups on February 24th and 25th. There will be representation from the Jewish and Catholic groups and from the various Protestant denominations. The conference, of course, will be interracial.

The purpose of the meeting is for women, as mothers and church leaders, to face the social changes that will effect the children of our South; to seek a common program of action; to find courage and spiritual power for the action formulated.

Dates: February 24-25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th and ending at noon on the 25th. There will be an evening session.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Expenses: There are funds to take care of your travel and hotel expenses.

We will give you further information when we have your acceptance. We would like also for you to advise us if you are coming whether you wish us to make your hotel reservation.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

P.S. You will hear from Miss Annie Tait Jenkins as she is one of the advisors of the conference.

January 17, 1955

Mrs. W.T. Cassells
835 Kilbourne Road
Columbia, S.C.

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1223 Lisbon Street
Coral Gables, Fla.

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Milledgeville, Georgia

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Mrs. Earl Andrews
3135 Audubon Road,
Montgomery, Ala.

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Air Mail January 17, 1955

Mrs. Hodding Carter
504 Arnold Avenue
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Carter:

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Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 17, 1955

Mrs. George R. Martin, Pres.
~~Woman's Missionary Union~~
~~Southern Baptist Convention~~
~~600 North Twentieth Street~~
~~Birmingham 3, Alabama~~ Norfolk 8, Va.

Dear Mrs. Martin:

Thank you so much for your gracious letter although it contained the disappointing news that you cannot be at our conference.

Yes, indeed, we would like for you to send anyone you may select in your place. You may give her the following information:

Dates: February 24-25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th and closing at noon on the 25th. There will be an evening session.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Let her understand that her transportation and hotel bill will be paid. We would like, as soon as possible, to know who is coming that we may send her materials. Also, I will be in Birmingham early in February and would like to call on her.

With every good wish for your Louisville meeting, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 17, 1955

Dictated January 13, 1955

Miss Sue R. Slaughter
The Woman's Council for Interracial Cooperation
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Miss Slaughter:

I have a brother-in-law and his wife, named Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, who live at 120 Jane Way Street, Norfolk 3, Virginia.

A college friend of my wife's is my good friend and is really useful, though she may not often appear. Her name is Miss Mary Lee Tillett, 732 Westover Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

I don't suppose that my friends, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Walker, Jr., 7 Russell Road, Hampton, Virginia, could be persuaded by a postcard to get themselves clear across Hampton Roads for a one-night stand, but it would be nice to invite them.

Left to myself, I would talk about how to proceed with school integration. Is that what I should talk about?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 17, 1955

Mrs. T.D. Connell
Rt. 4, Box 636
Shreveport, La.

Dear Mrs. Connell:

Realizing that the disturbed and perturbed South presents a challenge to the faith and courage of church women, we are calling a conference of the leaders of the women's groups on February 24th and 25th. There will be representation from the Jewish and Catholic groups and from the various Protestant denominations. The conference, of course, will be interracial.

The purpose of the meeting is for women, as mothers and church leaders, to face the social changes that will effect the children of our South; to seek a common program of action; to find courage and spiritual power for the action formulated.

Dates: February 24-25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th and ending at noon on the 25th. There will be an evening session.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Expenses: There are funds to take care of your travel and hotel expenses.

We will give you further information when we have your acceptance. We would like also for you to advise us if you are coming whether you wish us to make your hotel reservation.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

P.S. You will hear from Miss Annie Tait Jenkins as she is one of the advisors of the Conference.

Originals of this letter sent to:

Mrs. T.D. Connell
Rt. 4, Box 636
Shreveport, La.

Mrs. W.T. Cassells
835 Kilbourne Road
Columbia, S.C.

Mrs. Henry Craig
1223 Lisbon Street
Coral Gables, Fla.

Mrs. D. Baker Smith
Milledgeville, Georgia

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3135 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Ala.

For Miss Annie Tait Jenkins' attention.

and

Mrs. J.E. Johston
1506 Lyncrest
Jackson, Miss

January 17, 1955

Mrs. E.U. Robinson
675 N. Water Street
Gallatin, Tenn.

Dear Ruth:

I know you're in the depths of work and anxiety over the convocation and perhaps will not have time to read this letter but for fear I will fail to give you the information you will need about the conference on the 24th and 25th, I am writing it and you can put it in your file.

Dates: February 24-25th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th and ending at noon on the 25th. There will be an evening session.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Just as soon as the convocation is over please begin thinking in terms of what should come out of the Atlanta conference. I regret to say that Mrs. Wilson has written she will not be able to be with us. I will see you in Charlotte but know you will have no time to discuss the meeting here.

With love and best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 17, 1955

Mrs. James R. Beach
3852 Drury Drive
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Beach:

Realising that the disturbed and perturbed South presents a challenge to the faith and courage of church women, we are calling a conference of the leaders of the women's groups on February 24th and 25th. There will be representation from the Jewish and Catholic groups and from the various Protestant denominations. The conference, of course, will be interracial.

The purpose of the meeting is for women, as mothers and church leaders, to face the social changes that will effect the children of our South; to seek a common program of action; to find courage and spiritual power for the action formulated.

Dates: February 24-25th, beginning at L:00 p.m. on the 24th and ending at 3:00 p.m. on the 25th. There will be an evening session on the 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Expenses: There are funds to take care of your travel and hotel expenses.

We will give you further information when we have your acceptance. We wish to have you advise us, if you are coming, whether you would like us to make your hotel reservation.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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January 17, 1955

Reverend Albert D'Orlando
The First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

On the matter of form-fillings, I am the transmitter of what is expected of me by the Executive Committee, though I am in agreement with their action.

So when the whole matter is in a bundle I will report to them how you feel, and if they wish to put further questions I suppose they will!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH 1806 Jefferson Avenue New Orleans 15, La.

January 4, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It is only because our Christmas activity has been unusually heavy that I have failed to write sooner about the form you sent to me under date of November 24, 1954. I had hoped, even before receiving your letter, that we might at some future date have an opportunity to sit down together to talk about affairs in this area of the country. Perhaps, now that our local group is well underway, we may find an occasion to meet.

Meanwhile, I am returning to you -- unsigned -- the form mentioned above. To begin with it should be made clear that this action is taken entirely on my own initiative and without consultation with our executive board. Inasmuch as this is a personal matter with me, and also insofar as the request was made to me, it would seem that I am entirely within my authority in returning this to you under the present conditions.

Because we live at a time when it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain individual integrity it seems to me that liberals should be the first to insist on this virtue and should be the last (rather than the first) to succumb to the elements of the times. To sign this form would place me in the position of denying all that I believe to be the role of the liberal in a time of peril.

Furthermore, inasmuch as I detest "investigating committees" it would be a contradiction of my position for me to become a one man "investigating committee" to determine the loyalty of our employees. Also, this would be an action implying their dis-loyalty, which I do not believe to be true.

There is one other aspect of this matter: at the rate the Attorney-General is adding new organizations to his list, there is no way of telling what apparently respectable organizations will be henceforth subversive. This would place me in the position of having approved membership in what may, some ten years hence, be recognized as an Un-American organization. Clearly, then, it must be seen that to indulge in such a pass-time is beyond all reason, both at present and in the future.

I trust that this will be accepted in the spirit in which it is written.

Sincerely,

/s/ Albert D'Orlando

January 17, 1955

Miss Betty I. Davis
School of Social Work
College of William and Mary
800 West Franklin Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Miss Davis:

I was to send you some outline or precis of my April 25th Richmond talk.

As things look today I would describe briefly the upward drive of Colonial and dark-skinned people the world around, and contrast the violence and radicalism of that effort in the outside world with the loyal and lawful and orderly efforts of the Negro people in this country to bring about a full enforcement of the Constitution of the United States.

Then some discussion of the nature of this demand at home: essentially one for recognition of equal human dignity. The granting of that demand, incidentally, will release an ambition for achievement and a sense of community responsibility the force of which has hitherto hardly been known.

How to do it?

By admitting Negro Virginians to the Degree of Citizen of Virginia, with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Encourage the vote. Assist appointment and election of able, courageous, representative Negroes to Board and Commissions. Be glad if some Negroes reach the legislature. Where able Negroes offer for City Councils, elect them. Open the courts. Here's a fourth of the State, knocking at the door. Admit. And long before the youngest of us here are dead Virginia as a whole will be proud to carry the names of some of her distinguished Negro citizens on those lists of the Virginia great which as school children we learn to roll from our tongues. My daughter may see some such Virginian in bronze on a marble column, somewhere out that part of Monument Avenue which thrusts up toward Goochland Courthouse.

More immediately, local discussion meetings, of white and Negro citizens, most often perhaps of Church women, gathering by eight or nine; making friends on the issues involved in the school matter, finding the exact facts, and arriving at a plan of how it could be done. Again, if such meetings occur without tincture of patronising or inequality, if full mutual respect, it will be found that a problem looked on as a problem for the total community can be solved.

Lastly, the one chemical that dissolves race prejudice.

Peroration. Finis.

If that isn't near it, tell me, and I'll try again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 17, 1955

Mr. Corneff R. Taylor
Commission on Human Rights
City of Milwaukee
155 East Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Corneff:

I am sorry we didn't get together, but I appreciate a lot your trying five times! We have an unlisted phone number, WAlnut 1821, which takes some of the overflow. Next time call us on that.

This show is staffed beyond the budget in the central office, but some of the state outfits are as yet not settled on whom they will employ, and most of them are long on white personnel and short the other way around. Trouble is they can't pay but $5,000, unless they raise the extra, and Milwaukee wouldn't even start a man on that. But the unstaffed states are Arkansas, Virginia, Florida, and Tennessee. Kentucky has some staff but is far from complete. If any of them would be interesting, you can write:

Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

And see what they turn up. If some of the other states would interest you more, let me know. Do you claim origin in one of them?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 17, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

It was a pleasure to do up your Proclamation Address at Spartanburg.

Fifty copies are en route under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Rae Fiszman
Central Office

January 17, 1955

Mr. T. Elkin Taylor, Editor
EMORY WHEEL
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for sending the copy of the FLAMBEAU containing editoral material on the school segregation issue.

I will check with you from time to time to see if you have spotted any other editorials that might be useful to us.

I think you will be interested in the enclosed pamphlet "Answers for Action," if you have not already seen it.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

January 17, 1955

TO: STAFF

Tom Sutherland called from Washington. Evidently up there at the direction of the Texas Commission on Race Relations to inquire of public and private persons in Washington and Baltimore the methods used to accomplish desegregation in the schools.

He will stop off in Atlanta Monday or Tuesday, January 24th or 25th.

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January 17, 1955

Mrs. Claudia Johnson
Warrensville,
North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Nice of you to write; I hope things will go encouragingly in Ashe County.

It all depends on a few local citizens; courage in what is right will move whole counties.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 17, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: KS

FROM: GSM

Sutherland, in his telephone call this morning, asked for shipment to the Texas Commission on Race Relations of 1,000 copies of Answers for Action on a consignment basis. I told him that we would charge them to him at 16¢ apiece, plus carriage and I assume he will sell them at 20¢ apiece. Problem will be to stay behind the transaction and collect appropriately.

I made the following two sales, each of 100 copies of Answers for Action: To the Florida Council on Human Relations, c/o Mrs. White, 100 copies at 16¢ each, no carriage involved as I toted. An outright purchase, not conditioned upon resale. Bill Mrs. White for $16.00. Safeguard the point that Mrs. White be addressed at Jacksonville, and not at Eau Gallie. Her own Florida chairman still writes her at Eau Gallie.

The King of Clubs, Miami, Florida, through Mr. Daniel R. Francis, 1221 N. W. Sixty-Seventh Street. Again, a direct purchase, no carriage involved. Bill Mr. Francis for $16.00.

January 17, 1955

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

This is to confirm the agreement arrived at between you and Fred Routh as to his travel into Florida for a week or ten days in the near future on behalf of the Florida Council on Human Relations.

As the task involved is so closely related to the whole program of the Southern Regional Council, the Council would be happy to carry Mr. Routh's salary for the brief period involved, but we do regard the travel of a Floridian on behalf of the Florida Council as chargeable to that agency.

Accordingly, and I understand with your agreement, Mr. Routh's travel vouchers for this particular travel alone will be run against the allocation from this office to the Florida Council on Human Relations, and will be paid from that source.

From our point of view this appears as a partial service of a staff member of the Southern Regional Council as a staff member of the Florida Council on Human Relations, and to the extent that you do employ staff in this way, it is proper for all or a part of the expense involved to run against the Florida allocation.

Our books in the relationship with the state organisations are kept on a basis of the availability of money to the state organisations from the date that the state organisation incurs staff (or in exceptional circumstances other) obligations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

cc: Mrs. William Charles White
KS
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January 7, 1954

Mr. John S. McLees
Executive Secretary
The Office of Senator Brooks Hays
U. S. Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McLees:

It was as kind of you as could be to send on down to me so promptly, and after taking so much trouble, a copy of the Reece Committee Report.

I would not for the world have this cost Brooks personally. So, I send in a dollar to reimburse his account, and hope that that is approximately the right amount.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Brooks in Atlanta just a few days ago.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 17, 1955

Mr. Daniel R. Francis
1221 N. W. Sixty-Seventh Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Francis:

I am extremely grateful to the Kings of Clubs and to you and your associates for inviting me down to talk to that magnificent audience yesterday. It is so rare a thing for a speaker in my sort of work to reach the young people pushing up.

In case you have gotten delayed on finding the treasurer, the exact amount of the plane and railroad fare was $84.27, and $85.00 or $86.00 would neatly handle the actual expenses for the Miami trip.

Our Council will in a day or two bill you for the one hundred copies of Answers for Action you so obligingly took over. I think that they will do more than 16¢ worth of good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 17, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Samet
The American Jewish Committee
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear The Samets:

You were kindness itself to take in an unexpected visitor, and provide him with coffee, company, a nap, dinner, the Sunday New York Times, transportation, and encouragement.

I do appreciate it. My best to Bobby and Anita. The first rule on paper toys is that they have to pick up their own clippings.

We all look forward to Seymour's coming to Atlanta and wish it could be the two or the four of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 17, 1955

Mr. Gloster B. Current
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40 Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Current:

Each evening as the day comes to a close, I feel very guilty as I have not written to you to express my deep appreciation for the time you gave to me while I was in New York. Without that conference I would be unprepared for the conference of church women we are holding February 24th and 25th. The facts revealed to me gave me a more confirmed conviction that church women have a very definite role to play in the integration of our schools and I hope out of this conference will come very definite ways in which we may work at the task.

Please accept my deep thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 17, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
624 Masonic Building
1630 Fourth Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

As we discussed in New York my trip to Alabama, I know you have been expecting to hear from me.

The dates are the week of February 7th. Before I can make full arrangements for the itinerary, I would like to know what day of that week it will be convenient for me to see you in Birmingham.

A quick reply will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 17, 1955

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I will be in Alabama during the week of February 7th. I will end the week by speaking at Tuskegee on race relations Sunday, February 13th.

As it is now I will have to have at least a day in Birmingham and should go to Gadsden, and of course will come to Montgomery. Are there other places that you feel it would be well for me to meet with a group? If so, please help make out the itinerary. Of course, I'm coming for the purpose of meeting the church women groups. However, they are told to bring in anyone they wish and in Mississippi there were men in every discussion group.

Awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 17, 1955

Mrs. J.C. Wheeless
Port Gibson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Wheeless:

Realizing that the disturbed and perturbed South presents a challenge to the faith and courage of church women, we are calling a conference of the leaders of the women's groups on February 24th and 25th. There will be representation from the Jewish and Catholic groups and from the various Protestant denominations. The conference, of course, will be interracial.

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Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

P.S. Miss Thelma Stevens and Mrs. E.U. Robinson will be with us.

January 18, 1955

Dictated January 17

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Since your letter of January 14th, you will have had mine saying that the meeting had been changed to the Richmond YMCA at 12:30. I don't yet know the actual room. I assume business will begin after the luncheon.

I sent you Margaret Garrity's original letter and a list.

I hope the state committee can be held down to thirty or just a few above. But that is for Virginia to decide.

For white and Negro ratio, I would think, roughly, sixty per cent white and forty per cent Negro, but that again is Virginia's business.

On religion, I would merely see to it that each major group is fully and ably represented.

The Virginia Council on Human Relations should elect its own officers.

I assume that it will, as a rule, meet in Richmond. It will be up to the Virginia Council to say whether it will pay expenses of out-of-town members to its meetings and how frequently it should meet. The kind of budget that this office made up in suggested forecast for district state offices made no specific provision for payment of travel expenses of members of a Board, but there should be an item in each such budget for travel expense, though I suppose that staff travel would eat most of it up.

How often you want to meet is your own business in Virginia.

If you will bother to read through Memorandum #1 and any of the subsequent numbered issues that you have time for, you will see exactly what the relationship is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 18, 1955

Dictated January 17

Miss Constance Rumbough
276 Franklin Street
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Rumbough:

Jim Dombrowski did not invite me to his meetings exploring the possibility of a Southwide conference on integration. I have not thought that he was in position to line up many people who could be really influential in Southern public opinion. Also, I had thought that his effort was to make a propagandist demonstration of solidarity in support of the Supreme Court's decision (which, of course, would have its usefulness); whereas I am more interested in contriving local action toward accomplishing compliance with the Supreme Court's decision.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 18, 1955

Dictated January 17

The Reverend W. C. Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

We sent out ninety-odd copies of the letter to Virginia members. Thus far thirty-one post card replies have been received. All approved the Nominating Committee and the idea of a Virginia Council.

One post card suggested Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle, RFD 3, Charlottesville, Virginia, "as a member." I assume, therefore, that that is a suggestion of her as a member of the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Wilson Brown
Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Mr. Paul Williams
Mr. James M. Ellison
Mr. Harry Roberts
Rev. C. Emerson Smith
Mrs. Arnold Strauss

P.S. Next day. Another three or four assents have been received. David H. Scull of Annandale, Virginia, adds to his post card, "Would have liked someone from Northern Virginia, and hope in any case there is representation from this area in the permanent group.

January 18, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I am trying to get together a full set of the forms testifying that all personnel are loyal Americans.

We have one on file for you signed by Mr. Whitsett, but have as yet not received one for your secretary. Please, at your earliest convenience, ask Mr. Whitsett to sign one for her and send it back to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 18, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on
    Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am trying to get together a full set of the forms testifying that all personnel are loyal Americans.

We have one on file for you signed by Mr. Russell, but have as yet not received one for your secretary. Please, at your earliest convenience, ask Mr. Russell to sign one for her and send it back to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 18, 1955

Mr. L. I. Alexander
1730 Jefferson Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Alexander:

You were kindness itself to all of us the other evening in Jacksonville, and we are grateful.

I hope you will let us know sometime when you are in Atlanta, and we can try to add to the pleasure of your visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 18, 1955

Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Chrmn.
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Dave:

This is just a brief note to say how very much I appreciated the opportunity of visiting your home and meeting your lovely wife, Mary, and the children. That fried chicken was really superb and the only thing that out did it was the pleasantness of the occasion.

I will drop you a note in a day or two regarding the proposed trip to Florida. My very best regards to Mary and thank her for me for that wonderful dinner.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

January 18, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Sec.
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
Board of Trade Annex Building - Rm. 303
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Vigo:

I hope by now you are rid of the virus with the aid and assistance and good care of your charming wife.

The Louisiana Workshop, I think, laid a base for development of organization and program in other areas in Louisiana besides New Orleans. Miss Syts told me that there was thinking that the New Orleans Committee should be reorganized as a group distinct from the Louisiana Board. This seems to us very sound. Between now and the "annual meeting" in April this may be possible. It may also be possible sometime between now and the Spring for Fred Routh to have some time in other parts of thesstate where you think there is good possibility that groups may be formed and related to the Louisiana Division. He will be writing you about this possibility.

Do keep us in touch with developments as a result of the Workshop and the introduction to the Louisiana Division which the people outside of New Orleans had on this occasion.

With my good wishes to you and your friends.

Your friend,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

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P.S. I will be so grateful if you will ask Mrs. Cates to send me a copy of the record of the meeting and of the names and addresses of those in attendance. Please give her my greetings.

January 18, 1955

Miss Florence Sytz
1347 Moss Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Miss Sytz:

Thank you for the refreshing afternoon and evening. The chance to relax in your charming house and to have a little visit with Miss Wisner and you gave me a very pleasant ending to my day in New Orleans. Thank you for your generous hospitality.

We have talked here about the Louisiana Workshop and Fred Routh and I agree that if it is possible between now and the April meeting it would reinforce Vigo to have him have some help in the parts of the state other than New Orleans. Routh will probably be writing to him about this possibility. We hope that steps will be taken to reactivate a New Orleans Committee as a group distinct from the Louisiana Board. It seems to us that this will encourage the other areas of the state to assume responsibility for sharing in the planning and development of program in these other areas.

Please give my kind regards to Miss Wisner, Reverend D'Orlando, Mr. Vigo and other friends.

With cordial good wishes,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program

GTH/rnf

January 18, 1955
(Dictated January 17)

TO: KS

Arrangements re Florida trip.

You bought all the tickets, totaling $84.27.

I had the attached additional expenses.

The Kings of Clubs should send me, or the Council, a check to cover about $85.00 of the travel cost, plus a modest honorarium. The Treasurer was unavailable immediately after my speech and the President said that he would mail the check today.

Encl.

January 18, 1955

(Dictated January 17)

TO: KS

In conversation with Fred Routh re travel by him for the Florida Council on Human Relations, the matter shapes up in my mind as follows:

The effective date of employment of staff by the Florida Council on Human Relations becomes the date on which, by agreement, they begin to use one Fred Routh (who happens, also, to be employed by the Southern Regional Council for their purposes). I see no hard in making your current allocation to the Florida Council on Human Relations include a sum to cover this use of Routh as temporary staff for the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I do not object to contributing Routh's salary to this arrangement.

January 18, 1955

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human
Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

A reduced version of the speech-making at the Herald-Tribune Forum last Fall was reprinted at the request of the U. S. Information Agency for use abroad.

A few copies have been made available to the Southern Regional Council and I send one on to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Memo . . . **FROM THE DESK OF**

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ltr to all executive
sec'ys of state org.
& to State chairmen
of organizations
which do not yet
have exec. secy's.

Daily file

January 18, 1954

Mr. Ashton Greene
Box 2381, Custom House
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Ashton:

Nice to have your letter. I will try my best to get to New Orleans soon, and when I get there I will come to see you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

Jan's file

January 18, 1954

Mrs. Roberta Morgan, Executive Director
Jefferson County Coordinating Council
  of Social Forces
309 N. 23rd Street
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Morgan:

Apologies for being so slow in answering your kind letter of January 12. The file came safely back and we appreciate the 77 cents to cover its original shipment.

I am grateful for all of your good news from Birmingham. I hope to get another chance to be in your city and talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

GSM:hh

January 18, 1955

Mr. Crawford Solomon
Convention Press
218 W. Church Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Crawford:

It certainly was more than kind of you to have me out to your house for Sunday evening dinner. I enjoyed so much the opportunity to meet your good wife, Nancy, and also the boys. It is easy to see that the democratic philosophy you have is carried over into the home and I highly approve of this. It was nice of you to invite Jane out and I found her to be a very fine person.

I will let you know in advance of the timing on the proposed trip to Florida and will certainly look forward to seeing you not only in Jacksonville but in Miami as well.

With warm regards.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

January 19, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

For record-keeping purposes we are unclear as to the status of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

1. Did Mrs. Lyells begin duty for it January 1?
2. What's her salary and what's her title?
3. Any office yet?
4. On what budget is it proposed to operate?
5. What plans for raising your share of this year's budget? Finance Committee? Who?
6. Any clerk yet?

If you will clear up these matters we will be prepared to do our end of the helping, which is to carry through with proportionate help from here for the nine months period January 1 - September 30, 1955, as needed by your Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

bc: Fred Routh
Katherine Stoney
Grace T. Hamilton

January 19, 1955

Mr. Herbert L. Wright
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

All straight about the February 4th appearance in Washington. I expect to take part off and on in the daytime meeting at American University, and will infallibly be on hand, and well on time, for the 8:00 p.m. meeting at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R Street, N. W., to talk fifteen or twenty minutes. I'll have been in Petersburg, Virginia, the day before, so tha travel should be no great amount.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 19, 1955

Mr. A. Stephen Stephan
Chairman
Department of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Stephen:

Nothing here that would work, but I will remember, and do what I can to get somebody interested.

I don't know when I'll get to your good state. I hear good reports from the new effort SRC-wise, and appreciate your helpfulness in getting them on their feet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 19, 1955

Mr. J. M. Tydings
The Lincoln Foundation, Inc.
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear J. M.:

I can't get to Mammoth Cave January 29th and 30th; sorry I had already promised to be in Detroit those days. Fred Routh will come.

We give formal approval to employment by the Kentucky Council on Human Relations of Mrs. Dagen, Mrs. F. L. Stanley, and Mrs. James G. Sheehan.

I am conferring about on how to answer today's letter from you on funds, and will try to get you a letter quickly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Hugh Brimm
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January 19, 1955

Reverend Robert E. Hughes, Ex. Sec.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Enclosed you will find my suggested schedule for the Alabama trip.

The only change which I can make in it would be to stay over on Monday, the 14th.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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Alabama Trip -- February 9-13, 1955

Wednesday, February 9

Leave Atlanta - 8:40 a.m. via Eastern
Arrive Birmingham - 8:31 CST
Leave Birmingham - 10:45 a.m. Greyhound Bus
Arrive Gadsden - 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon in Gadsden
Leave Gadsden - 7:20 p.m.
Arrivie Birmingham - 9:15 p.m.
Overnight in Birmingham

Thursday, February 10

Birmingham all day
Overnight in Birmingham

Friday, February 11

Leave Birmingham - 8:45 a.m.
Arrive Tuscaloosa - 10:35 a.m.
Leave Tuscaloosa - 6:50 p.m.
Arrive Montgomery - 9:30 p.m.
Overnight in Montgomery

Saturday, February 12

Montgomery all day
Overnight in Montgomery

Sunday, February 13

Leave Montgomery - 7:40 a.m.
Arrive at Chehas - 8:30 a.m.
Tuskegee

January 19, 1955

Mrs. J. F. McLeod
700 Terrace Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McLeod:

I will be in Alabama for some days the week of February 7th on a mission for the Southern Regional Council and find I will arrive in Montgomery at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, the 11th, and will spend the next day and night there.

I would like very much to see you and Dr. McLeod. I will call you from the hotel. I have written to Reverend Bob Hughes.

I will see you in Charlotte but in the meantime let me know if you and Dr. McLeod will find it possible to see me.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
624 Masonic Temple Building
1630 Fourth Avenue, North
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

Your air mail letter was received this morning.

I find now that I will be in Birmingham about two hours between the time my plane arrives from Atlanta and I have to leave for Gadsden at 10:45 a.m. (Wednesday, February 9th). Also I will be there all of the next day.

I have today written letters to several people I must see there, one being Dr. Archibald, superintendent of the Bessemer District out at Ensley. Until I hear what hour you will see me, I can't give you a definite time, but please hold the day until you hear from me. In the meantime, please be thinking of preparing two mimeographed sheets on the activities of the Citizens Councils that might be put in the hands of the women who will be here on February 24th and 25th.

Deeply appreciating your great help, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Mrs. L.S. Evins
216 Princeton Avenue
Birmingham 4, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Evins:

I will be in Birmingham Thursday, February 10th, and would like so much to see you at the Tutwyler Hotel sometime in the afternoon.

You and Mrs. Tatum set the time as I wish to see you together.

It will be good to see both of you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Mrs. Candler Tatum
2422 15th Avenue, S.
Birmingham 5, Ala.

Dear Noreen:

I will be in Birmingham on Thursday, February 10th, and would like so much to see you at the Tutwyler Hotel sometime in the afternoon.

You and Mrs. Evins set the time as I wish to see you together.

It will be good to see both of you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Dr. R. Lambuth Archibald
1804 30th Street
Ensley, Alabama

Dear Dr. Archibald:

I will be in Birmingham on Thursday, February 10th, and would like very much to have a conference with you, if you find it at all possible, that day. I would appreciate it if you would advise me what hour would be best.

I am going to see Bob and Mary the day before. I would greatly appreciate seeing you and hope you will find it possible in your crowded schedule.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Mrs. Frank G. Bell
5333 Fifth Terrace South
Birmingham 6, Alabama

Dear Mary Bell:

I will be in Birmingham on February 10th and will be registered at the Tutwyler Hotel,

Could you come in and have breakfast with me that morning there for I have many things to talk over with you. Please reply before you leave for Charlotte.

With love and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

P.S. I will see you in Charlotte.

January 19, 1955

Rev. and Mrs. R.L. Archibald
Route 1
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Bob and Mary:

Will you be at home on February 9th and would you like a visitor for a few hours?

I will spend several days in Alabama arriving in Birmingham at 8:30 that morning, and could take a 10:45 bus arriving in Gadsden at 12:30 noon. I am very anxious to see you in regard to our interracial work in the state. I would appreciate an early reply as I must make my schedule for the week. I promise not to take little Murray back to Atlanta with me.

With every good wish to Big Bob, Little Bob and Mary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET:rnf

Air Mail January 19, 1955

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Since the Convocation of the Methodists of the Southeast will follow shortly after your Southwide Interorganizational Conference and I am called upon to attend, I find it impossible to be at Fisk, much as I would like to be there.

I want to take this occasion to thank you for securing the thousand dollars from the John Hay Whitney Foundation for the work I am doing through the Southern Regional Council. It has made possible a Southwide conference of church women leaders to formulate a common program to aid in the integration of our schools. This conference will be held here in Atlanta on February 24th and 25th and Mrs. Johnson has accepted our invitation to be with us.

With the best of wishes for your conference of January 21st and 22nd, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Our conference is shaping up rather well. It will be at All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, and will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th and end at soon on the 25th. There will be an evening conference.

Do you want us to make a hotel reservation for you?

Did the Woman's Division accept the prepared statement you had culled from the World Council report. I need to know this because I will want to use it in our conference. Please be thinking about this conference and give me suggestions. I think I told you we want an action program to come out of it.

I will see you in Charlotte and if possible would like to have breakfast with you one morning while there. Hope you are growing stronger each day.

With love,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Bishop H.B. Shaw
520 Red Cross Street
Wilmington, N.C.

Dear Bishop Shaw:

On February 24th and 25th we are calling a conference of church women leaders of the Southeast to consider the issues facing us in the South relative to integration in the public schools and to work out a common program of action.

I would very much appreciate it if you would advise me very quickly the name of the woman of your denomination who should be invited to come to this conference. She should be a woman living in the South. I am not familiar with your organizational setup but we are in search of regional leaders who direct the work in the states.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Your telegram brought joy to all of us in the office.

The following is information on the conference:

Dates: February 24-25th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th and ending at noon on the 25th. There will be an evening session.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

In general, the purpose of the meeting is to face the issues; to find our responsibility and our opportunity in these hours of crisis for working out a common program of action; to find the courage and spiritual strength for the action.

The ways of procedure at the conference are not fully worked out at this time but it is possible that we will divide into two or three groups with advisors in each one. We most certainly need you as one of the advisors. Whether we form into several groups or not, our spiritual leaders will be Dr. Malcolm Calhoun of the Presbyterian Board and, we hope, Dr. Mays (he is out of town at this date and has not yet given us definite answer).

My responsibility is greatly lightened because you will be with us and I will rest heavily upon you. With every good wish to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 19, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: K. Stoney
FROM: M.E. Tilly

RE: CONFERENCE OF CHURCH WOMEN -- FEBRUARY 24-25

We have offered to pay expenses of travel and hotel for the following:

Alabama: Mrs. Earl Andrews, Montgomery
? Mrs. S.R. Jones, Dothan
(Baptist) , Birmingham
Mrs. Candler Tatum, Birmingham

Florida: Mrs. L.S. Ashley, Ocala
Mrs. Henry Craig, Coral Gables
? Mrs. Schaker, Clewiston

Georgia: Mrs. Durand Miller, Chipley
Mrs. Baker Smith, Milledgeville

Louisiana: ? Mrs. T.D. Connell, Shreveport
Mrs. C.F. Goldthwaite, New Orleans

MISSISSIPPI: ? Mrs. J.A. Burt, Clarksdale
Mrs. Hodding, Carter, Greenville
Mrs. J.E. Johnston, Jackson
? Mrs. J.H. Wheeless, Port Gibson

South Carolina: Mrs. W.T. Cassells, Columbia
Mrs. Duval Chambers, Columbia
Mrs. John Curry, Florence
? Mrs. Caroline Gillespie, Hartsville
Mrs. Herbert McAfee, Columbia
Mrs. John Moose, Leesville

Tennessee: Mrs. E.U. Robinson, Gallatin

? Information about expenses will be given later.

January 19, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and
Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brimm:

The time comes for me to get together statements testifying that each employed person is a loyal American.

If you will fill in such a form for Mrs. Dagen and send it in to us, we will be grateful.

Here is a copy of the covering letter which went out November 24th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

January 19, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
P. O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I am trying to put together the file of signed statements testifying to the loyal Americanism of all employed personnel. At your convenience, would you fill out one for Mrs. Lyells and for any clerical personnel she may have employed, and send it back to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 19, 1955

Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland
Executive Secretary
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Tom:

Miss Stoney tells me that she has as yet received from you only one partial (expense only) monthly report, that for November.

We have to have those reports in, complete, and on time.

I know you've got problems about the Treasurership and depositaries, but the Texas organisation will have to unravel that and put you in position to get finance reports in on the nail.

Can you attend to that, please?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Fred Routh
Katherine Stoney

January 19, 1955

Mr. Edgar B. Stern
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Stern:

You have been generous to the Southern Regional Council in many thin years, and now when we are launched upon a major expansion effort, with the help of the quite substantial grant from the Fund for the Republic, we still need to come to you. The Fund for the Republic, quite rightly, imposed on us the raising of considerably larger sums than we have ever had to before ($40,000 for 1955) as a condition of their further aid.

If the Edgar Stern Family Fund could send us $300 again for 1955, it would substantially ease our problem.

We have staffed State programs going now in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Kentucky. And within a few weeks that should be true for Tennessee, Virginia, Florida, and Arkansas. So you can be sure we are busy!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Katherine Stoney
Milton C. Vigo

January 19, 1955

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown
Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
One North Sixth Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Fair enough. I can be there the 13th of April, and will. I can always do other useful things in Washington, and the $50.00 will make the trip that much easier for the Council.

I look forward to the opportunity to be with that influential group.

When you are ready to hand out exact topics, let me know. I suppose what I do best is to sharpen the question before us on the matter of schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 19, 1955

Mr. Wilson M. Brown
State-Planters Bank and Trust Company
Richmond 14, Virginia

Dear Wilson:

Luncheon for us all at the 12:30 meeting, Tuesday, February 1st.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 19, 1955

Mrs. Dorothy M. Nathan
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Nathan:

'Way back in December you wrote and said AJC had reprinted the Alan Paton articles and we could get some.

I send up a check for $1.50 for fifteen. We will send out one to each of our fledgling State Organizations, and suggest that they can get more from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 19, 1955

Mr. David A. McCandless
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Dave:

Notwithstanding your kind offer of the later plane, I'll take the early one. I have had a few painful experiences of relying on a slip-second connection by plane, and running into delays. Even taking the early one is a risk, because of weather; and I usually avoid such a risk by arriving for any engagement by train (though I go gaily home on the plane!). But this time I'm hooked with an engagement the night before, so will do the early plane. I'll be comfortable enough, and will show at the Police Institute's door well before nine o'clock in the morning of February 10th.

If you can later give me more on the subject of that day, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 19, 1955

Mr. Stanley Rosenbaum
Muscle Shoals Theatres
Florence, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

We are glad you found the *Answers for Action* bulletin helpful. We have re-done the map, in this later printing, and think it much better than the old one.

I send over two copies of the pamphlet. If you can send us forty cents we will be grateful.

We are all proud of the helpful part that Rabbi Mantinband is playing in Mississippi, and remember his pleasure in his stay in your territory.

Our members in Alabama are supposed now to be building up the strength of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, affiliated with SRC. The Alabama Council has an office at Room 206 Moore Building, Montgomery, and has employed a Mr. Robert Hughes as its Executive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
AFA sent under separate cover this date.

January 19, 1955

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural
Life and Labor
1751 N Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Herring:

Here's the item on land tenure. It is a precis of a talk delivered for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Town and Country Commission. I have corrected some misprints along toward the end. Make any reasonable use you wish of it.

Unlikely that I can get to the Conference, and if at all, only for the first day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 19, 1955

Mr. George W. Cathcart
4804 Iroquois
Detroit 13, Michigan

Dear Mr. Cathcart:

I'm trying to match up a travel schedule for the trip to Detroit to be there January 29th and 30th.

By present arrangements I'd fly up the afternoon of January 28th, arriving at Detroit in the early evening, and bedding down somewhere to be sure to be on hand for Saturday evening.

Then I'd leave Detroit by Delta Airlines 4:00 p.m., Sunday, getting back to Atlanta about 10:00 p.m.

I can change my plans to fit the Church's wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 20, 1955

Mr. Walter Reuther
President
United Auto Workers
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

We ask again for UAW's help in 1955.

This past year has been one in which we think we have done some good. With major cooperation from the churches and from the unions we have been able to reach a considerable segment of Southern public opinion with temperate and constructive ideas on putting together the public schools. UAW's own Education Department helped us substantially in getting out our pamphlet, Answers for Action.

We covered, in personnel meetings of training institutes, a good part of the leadership, both of the C. I. O., and of the A. F. of L., in the South at one time or another in 1954. Interestingly enough, in all of these trade union sessions it was clear that labor opinion is ready for early change in the school system.

In the late Spring of last year, the Fund for the Republic gave the Southern Regional Council a quite substantial grant, to enable us to launch in each of a dozen Southern states what we hope will be permanent race relations agencies, with paid professional staff. Most of these have taken some such name as Louisiana, or North Carolina, Council on Human Relations. Nearly all of the twelve are going now. They, and the staff, will be available to your people locally for any assistance they can give.

But the grant from the Fund for the Republic by no means relieves our problems of finding support. We are required to raise substantially more than ever before in order to match what has been given conditionally by the Fund for the Republic. As soon as the auditors will release it, we will send you up a copy of the Council's audit for 1954.

Meanwhile, we will be grateful if we may be appropriately considered by the Executive Council for a grant again this year. I am satisfied that your people in Atlanta and elsewhere in the South will speak well of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Paul Williams

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 20, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

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Reverend Albert D'Orlando
The First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

On the matter of form-fillings, I am the transmitter of what is expected of me by the Executive Committee, though I am in agreement with their action.

So when the whole matter is in a bundle I will report to them how you feel, and if they wish to put further questions, I suppose they will!

Sincerely,

/s/

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Comm.
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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

January 20, 1955

Mailed January 20, to

Dear Member of the Executive Committee: including officers

One or two items on the matter of certifying as to the loyal Americanism of employed personnel here and in the State Organizations.

Everyone in the Central Office has been covered, by certificate of your Chairman (Mr. Clement) for the Executive Director, and by the Executive Director for the remainder of the staff personnel.

Nearly all of the states with employed staff have sent in covering statements either for their chief person employed or for all personnel, and we have written out for coverage of the rest, and do not doubt it will come in.

In the case of Louisiana, the Chairman, Mr. D'Orlando, sent the enclosed letter, which has been answered as enclosed. It is a policy matter, and I take this step of informing the Committee of it, in advance of the up-coming February meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH 1806 Jefferson Avenue New Orleans 15, La.

January 4, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It is only because our Christmas activity has been unusually heavy that I have failed to write sooner about the form you sent to me under date of November 24, 1954. I had hoped, even before receiving your letter, that we might at some future date have an opportunity to sit down together to talk about affairs in this area of the country. Perhaps, now that our local group is well underway, we may find an occasion to meet.

Meanwhile, I am returning to you -- unsigned -- the form mentioned above. To begin with, it should be made clear that this action is taken entirely on my own initiative and without consultation with our executive board. Inasmuch as this is a personal matter with me, and also insofar as the request was made to me, it would seem that I am entirely within my authority in returning this to you under the present conditions.

Because we live at a time when it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain individual integrity it seems to me that liberals should be the first to insist on this virtue and should be the last (rather than the first) to succumb to the elements of the times. To sign this form would place me in the position of denying all that I believe to be the role of the liberal in a time of peril.

Furthermore, inasmuch as I detest "investigating committees" it would be a contradiction of my position for me to become a one man "investigating committee" to determine the loyalty of our employees. Also, this would be an action implying their dis-loyalty, which I do not believe to be true.

There is one other aspect of this matter: at the rate the Attorney-General is adding new organizations to his list, there is no way of telling what apparently respectable organizations will be henceforth subversive. This would place me in the position of having approved membership in what may, some ten years hence, be recognized as an Un-American organization. Clearly, then, it must be seen that to indulge in such a pass-time is beyond all reason, both at present and in the future.

I trust that this will be accepted in the spirit in which it is written.

Sincerely,

/s/
Albert D'Orlando

January 20, 1955

Mr. J. Mansir Tydings, Treas.
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
Lincoln Foundation
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

I wish I could come to Mammoth Cave but I can't.

I promised to be in Detroit but I will ask Mrs. Hamilton to come and she wants to and will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rnf
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell
Signed in his absence

cc: H. Brimm
M. Dagen
OTH

January 20, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh, Chrmn.
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1401 E. Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

I believe the time has come to spell out the understanding on the allotment of funds for state use between the central office and those states which do not yet have paid staff. You will recall that the original proposed budget was $15,000; of which $13,200 would be from the central office and $1,800 or more would be raised in the state. The fiscal year fan from October 1, 1954 through September 30, 1955.

Minor state organizational expenses (such as travel for the Board, stationery, secretarial help, etc., etc.) have been and will continue to be paid out of state allotted funds. The amount available for office furniture will remain the same but all other budgetary items (salaries, rent, travel, communications, etc., etc.) will be on a pro rata basis. Thus, if a state hired staff as of December 1, 1954 the prorated sum is ten-twelfths of each item; if staff is hired as of February 1, 1955 it will be eight-twelfths or two-thirds.

To be fair with the state organizations sums to be raised locally will be on a pro rata basis too, though the central office strongly urges each state to raise the originally specified amount or even more. We do not have an understanding with the Fund for the Republic on all of this but will interpret it to them in our next quarterly report.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rnf
Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence
cc: CHP

January 20, 1955

Mr. Meta T. Wienbrandt
Commission on Christian Social Action
of the Evangelical and Reformed Church
2969 West 25th Street
Cleveland 13, Ohio

Dear Mr. Wienbrandt:

We are delighted with your kind order for 300 copies of ANSWERS FOR ACTION, which we hasten to get off.

My history-books taught me about Zwingli; glad to see him upheld!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rha

January 20, 1955

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
University of N.C.
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Guy:

Enclosed is a condensed version of your article from the summer 1954 issue of the Journal of Negro Education. (The Assistant Editor, in Dean Thompson's absence, very kindly gave permission to reprint.)

Cutting the article was a painful job, for the truth is it shouldn't have been cut at all. But with only twelve pages of New South available, a substantial amount of condensation seemed inevitable. If you feel this version does violence to the spirit of the original or is otherwise unacceptable, please let me know and I will try to rectify.

Thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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encl.
Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence

January 20, 1955

Miss Maxine E. Lombard
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Miss Lombard:

Thank you for your note of January 19th and in reply: we are shipping you this day 1000 copies of the pamphlet Answers for Action.

It took a few days to get them together and properly pack them for shipment.

My best regards to the folks there in Texas, particularly Mr. Sutherland.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
Dictated by Mr. Routh
Signed in his absence

January 20, 1955

Mr. A. J. Clement
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
Station "A" Box 2036
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Clement:

This confirms my phone call today, just after your kind letter of January 18th came in. I appreciate the invitation, and would feel honored to come over for the talk. Unfortunately I promised months ago to speak that Saturday and Sunday for Mr. Horace A. White's Plymouth Congregational Church in Detroit!

I hope the NAACP in Charleston will give me another chance.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 20, 1955

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
1100 Florida National Bank Building
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Dick:

I talked yesterday with the Dean of Women at Morris Brown about Miss Bessent's need of a different job, and she undertook to review the whole matter and talk with me in a day or two. I offered to use whatever small powers I have toward making this improve. The Dean was most grateful for your steady aid. Will let you know when I can learn more.

I suspect the problem is that she has a higher earning rate as a Technician than she would find in anything else, which made the difficult hours tempting.

The Jacksonville meeting wouldn't have been a success if you had stayed at home!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 20, 1955

Mr. Bruno Tausig
Council Against Discrimination
187 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Tausig:

Sorry our correspondence didn't cover subject. Segregation in the schools of the South is about my proper topic, and I am glad we could settle on that. But just how you phrase the entitlement is of secondary importance to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 20, 1955

Mr. E. F. Vickers, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Arizona State Federation of Labor
112 North Fifth Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Brother Vickers:

When various of your people were at Mineral Wells, Texas, last December for the Southwestern Labor School, one or two in the Arizona State Federation cooked up a tentative plan to ask me to come out for an Arizona School some time this coming Summer. Nothing was formally proposed, and everybody had to check back on proper committees and so on. But I want to go, and hope it will work.

If some probable date has been fixed on for your session this Summer I would like to try to hold it on my calendar, on the speculation that ducks would get in a row and the Arizona Federation would be willing at an appropriate time, to invite me to come out.

I drive an undersized Ford, and get it around for four cents a mile, so though the distance is a lot the bill needn't break you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 20, 1955

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

If you will be so good as to give this one your usual assist, I will be very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 24, 1955

TO: KS

I sold, at the Fisk University Southwide Inter-Organizational Conference on Establishing Democratic Patterns in Human Relations, about forty-three copies of Answers for Action. Two or three got away from me for free. Here's a check for $3.20, and cash for $4.35.

Expense account attached.

January 24, 1955

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Congress of Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I haven't seen CIO's new brief called, "Building Democracy in the Classroom," or as yet the mimeod discussion guide on desegregating schools. Would appreciate.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

Mr. J. Mansir Tydings
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

If you can send us what is available on the "Youth Speaks" program, we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

TO: AH

I heard, at the Fisk Conference, that NCCJ has a new pamphlet called, Rearing Children of Good Will, for use in discussion meetings. Do we have it? If not, should we get it?

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. C. Emerson Smith
Mr. Harry Roberts
Mr. Paul Williams
Mr. James M. Ellison
Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Mr. Wilson Brown

January 24, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

The other day in an interval at an interesting meeting at Fisk University instead of doodling I made up a tentative list of some of the groupings of people that I thought it right to consider for representation in the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

I have probably omitted some glaringly necessary groups, and may have included some of marginal importance. I advance the list merely as a check-over for the Nominating Committee which has the real thinking to do.

Here are the groups:

The press, white and Negro
Teachers
Parent-Teacher Associations
Labor
Church Women, as an organized body
Social workers
Business, big and little
Civic groups
State government
Virginia Legislature
Such a body as the Virginia League of Municipalities
Professional Associations which have achieved integration (in
  all such associations but a sample)
The leading religious denominations
The college world (social science)
Such a body, perhaps, as the National Council of Negro Women
Urban League
NCCJ
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
American Jewish Committee

On top of all of this, geography has to have mind paid to it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

January 24, 1955

Mr. Horace A. White
Plymouth Congregational Church
Garfield and Beaubien Streets
Detroit 1, Michigan

Dear Mr. White:

The nearest I can come to a topic for Sunday morning, January 30th, is "Segregation Versus a Free Society."

I have a sister and her brood temporarily at Grosse Point, and they will house me for the Detroit stay, Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday night. So no one need worry on that score. Her name and address is: Mrs. G. O. Clifford, 672 St. Clair Street, Grosse Point 30, Michigan. She and some others in the family will duly be coming to one or two of the meetings at your church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

TO: HCF

A good many at the Fisk Conference deplored the absence of any kind of news about the doings of various organizations in this field in the South. I wonder whether New South could, at some stage, pick up such a service? Difficult to manage, and hard to keep other agencies from merely blowing their own horns. News, general program, personnel changes, publications, addresses.

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Director
Department of Research and Education
of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Jimmy:

I thought that one of the most helpful suggestions that came out of the Fisk Conference was that labor people in local communities concern themselves more with the work of the PTAs.

As you were one of the principal labor people at the Conference, would you take that up with some of the head A.F. of L. people in Washington or elsewhere if you agree that it is a wise idea?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We have had a little flurry on tax exemption. Guy Wells, for the Georgia Committee, applied to several foundations for help, and they asked for evidence of tax exemption. He was confident that his long-standing friendship with a high official in the tax office in Atlanta would assist approval. But the matter had to go to Washington, and came back from Washington granting the Georgia Committee exemption from taxation on its own income, but not exemption on contributions to it. The Treasury people said appeal could be made within thirty days. Here's Treasury's letter to Guy Wells and the principal documents which accompanied the letter of appeal sent to the Treasury January 19th.

This followed religiously the directions for protest sent us by Treasury, which directions, for time-saving, I have not had copied to send on to you.

The relationship of the letters of protest and the documents accompanying it were carefully gone over by Leonard Haas and approved ahead of time by him.

I expect that there will be a call for Guy Wells and myself to go to Washington and work on it.

Meanwhile, I wish you would have the problem in your head. Of course if this precedent stands we are slaughtered.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

January 24, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The Fisk meeting did a great deal of good and we are all grateful to you for arranging it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

You were most kind to open your home to me, and I am grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

Mrs. A. B. Collier
1701 Scovel Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Collier:

Here is a list of the publications of the Southern Regional Council, and a folder about the organization.

Our Tennessee friends are in the course of establishing the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. The present chairman is Mr. F. Woods Beckman, 5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville, and Dr. Elsie N. Lewis, Tennessee A. & I. College, Nashville, is the acting secretary. They will make you a member, and that would make you a regular subscriber to New South, some back issues of which I enclose. I think the dues are $5.00 a year.

If we can ever be helpful to you, we would like to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

January 24, 1955

TO: GTH

I heard it said at the Fisk Conference that the national PTAs had adopted a statement on integration, favoring it. Do you think we could get a copy of the statement and make use of it to squeeze the local branches against that parent statement?

GSM/eab

January 24, 1955

Mrs. G. O. Clifford, Sr.
672 St. Clair Street
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Mary:

My Northbound flight, January 28th, is Delta's 432 connecting at Cincinnati with TWA's Flight 604. Arriving at the Detroit airport at 8:46 p.m. I will then take the bus into the city airport bus terminal where I should have arrived by about 10:00 p.m., Friday, January 28th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 25, 1955

Mrs. Alice M. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for the order for 200 Answers for Actions, being shipped and billed for, at 16¢ each plus carriage of the bundle. That helps a lot.

Katherine Stoney knows about mailing permits and will advise: also she, on receipts.

Do check with us on the tax exemption when you are ready to proceed; it seems to be a complicated matter, and a slip by one would endanger the whole program.

I am never much on Brotherhood Sunday or Week. I say all year around. So we merely service such requests for extra material as come to us, and don't push the idea.

Fred Routh sees all such letters as yours from the state organizations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 25, 1955

Mrs. Eleanor W. Ashman
Supervisor
Speakers' Bureau
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Ashman:

How very kind of you. I have an old purpose to reach as many of the chapters of the American Jewish Committee as can be worked out; so nice for that to be remembered.

The Chicago engagement is for a dinner on the night of Wednesday, March 16. I have to be in Cincinnati the day before. I have no engagement Thursday, March 17th or Friday, March 18th.

Most convenient to me to do either the Milwaukee chapter or the Chicago chapter at lunchtime, Wednesday, March 16, but for either there would also be available Thursday, March 17th, or in a pinch Friday, March 18th.

An evening discussion would have to be on Thursday, March 17th.

Suppose I simply give you full authority over the person of George Mitchell for Thursday, March 17th, and you do anything with him you want! Remembering, also, that March 16th is free except for the evening engagement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 25, 1955

Mrs. Robert C. Nusbaum
7614 Newport Avenue
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Nusbaum:

Our best current publication is Answers for Action:Schools in the South. I send a hundred to you on consignment, in reply to your kind letter of January 19th.

The actual printing cost to us is 16¢ apiece, and with carriage added I think that they ought to go at the advertised 20¢ apiece.

Most kind of you to help us and good causes in this way. At most meetings I have to lug my own pamphlets along and beg somebody to arrange for their being sold.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
ANSWERS FOR ACTION sent under separate cover.

January 25, 1955

Miss Annie Tate Jenkins
341 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Jenkins:

After checking train and air schedules of those invited, we find it is best for the conference to begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th and close with an afternoon session on the 25th, having an evening session on the 24th.

We are letting those invited know the change in hours.

Very grateful for the aid that you are giving and will give to this conference, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 25, 1955

Dr. Malcolm Calhoun
341 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Calhoun:

After checking train and air schedules of those invited, we find it is best for the conference to begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th and close with an afternoon session on the 25th, having an evening session on the 24th.

We are letting those invited know the change in hours.

Very grateful for the aid that you are giving and will give to this conference, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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January 25, 1955

Mr. J. M. Tydings
808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mansir:

Your letter of January 24th pushes our conversations at Nashville the other day a good way beyond what I had understood.

I think, basically, that what Kentucky is entitled to is ten-twelfths of a year's program.

If the arithmetic of salaries and expenses to be paid; and the policy planning of paying them in the sums and for the number of months contemplated, justifies something a little above ten-twelfths, we are willing to discuss it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
bcc: Mr. Hugh Brimm
Mrs. Margaret Dagen
Mr. C. H. Parrish
KS
FR

January 25, 1955

Mr. Melvin J. Fox
The Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Fox:

Many thanks for writing January 18th.

I don't know just what function universities and colleges in the North and West perform as to foreign visitors. It is a delicate thing to describe, but true that within segregation a University is a University manqué. And it is partly because of the limitations imposed by these still pervasive arrangements that the Southern Regional Council has grown this bump of itself which services the foreign visitors. The academic institutions in the Atlanta area show every courtesy that is available within segregation (and occasionally some that aren't!), but there must be something special which the visitors get here, because instructed by some grapevine they come pretty uniformly to our door.

There is close but informal linkage between ourselves and Emory and Agnes Scott and Oglethorpe and Atlanta University and Gammon Seminary and Morris Brown College. People from most of them serve on our Executive Committee, and the President of Atlanta University (Mr. Clement) is also Chairman of our Executive Committee. Frequently we finger out the right faculty person for a visitor to talk with; frequently also they suggest that persons come down to us for more information.

Atlanta's a kind of capital city for the whole Southeast, with government and business and labor and the churches and all sorts of organisations centered in it. So travellers with limited funds and time usually do get here. And they come to find out about the South, as a whole. Fortunately, we can give them the picture for the thirteen states. We keep good files on health and housing and employment and population and agriculture and industry and governmental participation, and we are up to the minute on the pressing matter of the schools. There simply isn't a faculty (with the probable exception of the University of North Carolina) that could muster equivalent facts. And much of what we have we have put into handy print, which visiting article-writers grab for!

There is also the point that in this Council office we all work together, white and Negro, professional staff and clerks, in a convincing demonstration that integration can work even in the lower South.

Your thoughtful foreign visitor looks for facts in the minds of judicious people, unprejudiced by the local institutional arrangements. In Atlanta, and to some extent for the whole South, he's apt to try to get it by coming to see us. It's a welcome part of our job, but expensive in time and effort, and if the Ford Foundation will help us on it we will be mighty grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

January 25, 1955

Mrs. H. M. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

I am going to get to Norfolk the evening of February 1st by hopping a ride from Richmond to Petersburg and catching the Norfolk and Western's train #8, which leaves Petersburg at 5:15 p.m., and gets into Norfolk at 7:05 p.m. I will probably be picked up by my brother-in-law, James Armstrong, and whisked off to bed. His address doubtless you have as 120 Jane Way Street, Norfolk 3.

By this device, I am sure to be well on hand for and from 5:00 p.m. on February 2nd. At least so far as I know I am at anybody's service for earlier that day.

I will telephone you in the early part of February 2nd for directions as to how to put myself in the presence of Mr. Carlson by or before 5:00 p.m; or for any other directions you wish to give me. Being on at 5:45 p.m., well enough. Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the YW, grand. Subject of my speech-making, all right. And I will do the best I can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 25, 1955

Mrs. V.M. Grimsley
2640 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Grimsley:

Realizing that the disturbed and perturbed South presents a challenge to the faith and courage of church women, we are calling a conference of the leaders of the women's groups on February 24th and 25th. There will be representation from the Jewish and Catholic groups and from the various Protestant denominations. The conference, of course, will be interracial.

The purpose of the meeting is for women, as mothers and church leaders, to face the social changes that will effect the children of our South; to seek a common program of action; to find courage and spiritual power for the action formulated.

Dates: February 24-25, beginning a 1:00 p.m. on the 24th and ending at 3:00 P.m. on the 25th. There will be an evening session at 7:30 p.m. on the 24th.

Place: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

We will give you further information when we have your acceptance. We would like also for you to advise us if you are coming whether you wish us to make your hotel reservation.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 25, 1955

Miss Esther Stamatz
United Church Women
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamatz:

Your hotel reservation is made at the Biltmore Hotel, the nearest hotel to All Saints Episcopal Church.

When we checked plane and train reservations, we found it would be best to begin the conference at 1:00 p.m. on February 24th and close about 3:00 p.m. on the 25th. In a few days, I will send you some material that will give you a picture of the seriousness of the conditions in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. All of this, of course, presents a challenge to our women as church leaders.

Please let me know the hour of your arrival. Deeply grateful that you are coming and appreciating the fact that you will be of infinite worth to us, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

PAID THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 1/25/55

MR. HARRY ROBERTS
VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

DURING WHAT HOURS AM I TO BE ON HAND FEBRUARY 3 IN PETERSBURG?

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

January 25, 1955

Rev. Milton L. Woods, Jr.
All Saints Episcopal Church
West Peachtree and North Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Woods:

I do want to express my deep appreciation of your gracious response to my request that the church women leaders of the South may hold their conference at your church.

Because of the train and airplane schedules, we find it necessary now to begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th and close at 3:00 p.m. on the next day. The hours will be as follows:

Feb. 24 -- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
evening session beginning at 7:30
Feb. 25 -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

These women must find spiritual strength and courage to be the leaders in these days of crises in our South. While we will not have a set program, we would like very much to have you along with Dr. Malcolm Calhoun and Dr. Benjamin Mays to lead our thinking in finding the power and the strength we are seeking. If you cannot be with us all the time, we would like for you to be with us at the first session. I will give you further information later.

We are grateful that your church will furnish coffee for us and we will need it only at noon on the 25th. We understand it will be permissible to have a sandwish lunch prepared and sent in to us. I hope this meets with your approval.

Deeply grateful to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 25, 1955

Mrs. Spann Milner
1109 W. Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ida Milner:

I know you have promised to be at the conference of church women February 24th and 25th at All Saints Episcopal Church but this is a more official notice.

Mary Colley will be out of the state so I am asking you to be sort of an official hostess to the group, taking Mary's place.

It will open at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th and there will also be an evening session on the 24th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be two sessions on the 25th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. with luncheon at the church.

I am so glad you promised to be with us. Love and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 25, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Mr. Russell duly sent in the form for Mrs. Stewart. Many thanks.

I haven't but two or three more copies of the Herald-Tribune Forum publication. But if you will write to Mrs. Helen Waller, at 230 West Forty-First Street, New York, I feel sure she would be glad to send you a couple of dozen.

We will be grateful for your help with Answers for Action. We don't want to carry over a bunch of them unsold, and right now they are still invaluable. After the Court's final decrees some of their value will flit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 25, 1955

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I haven't recalled any commitment of yours to donate the correspondence re SRC to the Council, and have thought of the folders as temporarily lent to us. We'll get them back to you in a few days. I think that they ought to rest permanently with the Council, and hope that when you make provision for ultimates you will have in mind their indispensibility to the history of the Council.

The North Carolina group has engaged Harry Jones, of Charlotte, as its Director. He has an office at 121 East Third Street. I have suggested to him that he pay you a visit next time he is in your neighborhood. I think you'll find him a useful citizen. Do put your strength into him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 25, 1955

Mrs. Scott Edwards
501 East 50th Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

I am not unmindful of the fact that you stated the proposed conference of church women should be held in April, but I found the only dates we could get Thelma Stevens, Miss Esther Stamats of the United Church Women, Mrs. E.U. Robinson and other leaders were February 24th and 25th.

Mrs. Barber has written that it will be impossible for her to be with us. We hope you will be able to come. If it is not possible for you to attend, would you designate two people of your Conference to be with us.

We would like to know as soon as possible whom you select that we may write to them and give them the necessary information.

In case you are coming -- and we hope you will -- the place of the meetings will be All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of North Avenue and West Peachtree Street.

The conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. on February 24th, there will be an evening session at 7:30 p.m., and there will be two sessions on Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. (sandwich luncheon will be served at the church).

We will make hotel reservations for you unless you advise us you are staying with friends.

I will see you in Charlotte. With very best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 25, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

At any convenient opportunity when you are driving near Tryon you would do well to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, who lives there. You just 'phone her, and ask for directions -- edge of town.

She is a Texas lady, a Methodist, who for a dozen years or so worked with the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and in the later part of her stay conducted as an adjunct to the CIC the Association of Southern Women for the prevention of Lynching. That outfit did a magnificent job. Mrs. Ames is a lady of consuming energy, and she imparted it in many states, with great success. At the disbandment of the CIC she was near to the center of the effort to establish SRC. But when they came finally to set up SRC it had no place in it for Mrs. Ames (an event which overtook another devoted official of the CIC, Mr. Eleazer). Mrs. Ames has been perhaps a skeptical friend for most years since SRC began, but lately with the return to strong state organization she has liked what she has heard.

She can be helpful to you in North Carolina. Also she could be less than helpful! I think you would find an afternoon in her home enlightening as to history, and rewarding as to the job in hand.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 25, 1955

Dr. Benjamin Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Several times I was tempted to reach you by phone and will continue trying as I want to talk with you.

Because of the conditions of the South of which you are well aware, we are calling a meeting of the church women leaders from several states -- Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina -- to be held here in Atlanta. The meetings will take place at All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree and North Avenue, on February 24th and 25th. The first session will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th, there will be an evening session at 7:30 p.m., and there will be two sessions on Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. (luncheon will be served at the church).

We want these women to face the tragic things that are happening in Mississippi, Alabama and south Georgia through the activities of the Citizens Councils, but they must also think through ways to aid in the integration of the schools.

Due to all of this they will need the spiritual strength and wisdom and courage to take their rightful place of leadership. We are asking you and Dr. Malcom Calhoun to be the leaders in giving us the Christian basis for action in this field and a platform of surety, faith and courage. Please see if you can clear your calendar so you may be with us. This is really a Macedonian call to you.

Deeply appreciating all you have done for church people of this nation and the world, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 25, 1955

Dr. William Boyd
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Boyd:

Last Friday afternoon I had a conference with Dan Duke. He was so wrought up over the conditions in Randolph and the neighboring counties in Georgia, I could get no definite facts from him. I hope you may be able to furnish me the following information:

1. The name of the organization in those counties which is similar to the Citizens Councils of Mississippi and Alabama.
2. Has there been a Negro killed at Moultrie and another in Sumter County? If so, would you give me some facts.
3. What part has State Senator Nelson Coffin had to play in this?

I would appreciate you answer to these questions.

Because of the conditions over the South and the need for paving the way for integration of the schools, we have called a meeting of church women leaders from several states -- Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina -- for a two-day conference. The conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. on February 24th and end in an afternoon session on the 25th. There will also be an evening session on the 24th. The meetings will take place at All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of West Peachtree Street and North Avenue, Atlanta. We will have no set program but the facts must be presented and the women must find the spiritual strength, wisdom and courage to face this opportunity and responsibility that is most certainly upon them.

We need you to be with us through these hours. Please see if you can clear your calendar. You may call me at WAlnut 7963 or drop me a note and I will be glad to give you further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 26, 1955

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Here is the MS that was done by a Virginia lawyer for us, several years ago. It is too legal, tedious, and at points intricate. But it has some useful data, and we are at liberty to make use of ~~such~~ parts of it as we paid Cotton to do the job.

Please guard with care, and be responsible for getting the MS back to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

January 26, 1955

Mrs. Emanuel Greenberg
4 Montevallo Terrace
Birmingham, Alabama

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
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Original of this letter to executive secretaries of state organizations, or to the [illegible] chairman where an executive secretary has not been hired.

January 26, 1955

Reverend Robert E. Hughes
Room 206
Moore Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Here's a good reprint the American Jewish Committee did of the Alan Paton articles. AJC is at 386 Fourth Avenue, N.Y. 16. The head of the Department of Community Affairs (which put it out) is Mrs. Dorothy Nathan. More copies from her at 10¢ each, or $8.50 a hundred. I guess they pay the carriage, but it wasn't mentioned.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 26, 1955

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont Street
Jackson, Miss.

Please wire collect address Mrc. C.C. Clark. Need her for Church Women's Conference.

Mrs. M.E. Tilly

January 26, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

There are various small items in the draft of minutes of the Program Planning Committee meeting of January 8th, at which my recollection differs from the minutes.

Mid-page 1. "regretted the absence of the Executive Director." True that the Executive Director had been out of town (presumably) at the time of some or all of the previous meetings, but it is also the case that he had not been told of nor asked to any previous meetings.

Mid-page 2. For whole business substitute whole purpose.

Page 4. Fifth line from the bottom, in my opinion, should read "unwise to 'even consider proposing such use of funds until after the central office had raised its allotted amount'."

Page 5. II, 7 and 8, should read: "it would defeat the cooperative arrangement originally intended. He thought," etc.

Page 6. 6th line from bottom, should read "Dr. Mitchell said that he had brought before the Executive Committee all proposals from program and projects, and had reported . . . . "

Page 7. Just below mid-page, should read "idea was OK, and if not he urged them to something else."

Delete at bottom of page beginning "need was . . ." through words "bi-racial hiring" at top of next page.

Page 8. Bottom line, should read "gotten going at their present level of activity.

Next to last line, substitute commendable for remarkable.

Page 9. Line 8. Substitute recalled for found.

Delete last sentence in that paragraph, beginning "He was to report, through February."

Page 10. Line 5. Substitute little for nothing.

Eighth line from bottom, between not and been insert as yet.

We are all grateful to you and the others for effort and thought and time. These small corrections seem to me worth proposing for the sake of accuracy and conformity with general organizational purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GTH
FR
HCF
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January 26, 1955

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

I am considerably embarrased by the delay in getting together in final form the material Mr. Barth is to work over.

Can you not ask him to finish the job?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 26, 1955

The Honorable Garland Gray
Waverly,
Virginia

Dear ~~B~~Dick:

I would appreciate a copy of your Commission's Report on Schools.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 26, 1955

Mr. Harry Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Harry:

Thanks for wire. I was planning my travels and my sleeping-spots. I'll get myself to Washington after the afternoon meeting on February 3rd, and sleep there. Can't find a train, and probably will do bus.

I'll use the morning of the 3rd to get from Norfolk up to Petersburg. Again the only N and W morning train is a dawn-cracker, and it'll probably be a bus.

I am hoping that after the Richmond meeting February 1st you will haul me with you back to Petersburg, where I can catch the 5:15 Eastbound N and W train for Norfolk.

See you in Richmond, February 1.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 26, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Ex. Sec.
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear ~~Mr. Vigo:~~ Milton

I have read with interest the proposed annual program functions which you have sent to us. I find them to be a mature appraisal of what is possible in this early stage of development on a statewide basis. Within the next six weeks or two months, I am going to take a swing through Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana to confer with our various people on the problems that face them and the assistance we can give. Would you please notify me in the near future of any planned meetings that will be held by the statewide board in Louisiana.

My regards to my many friends out there, particularly to your good spouse.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

January 26, 1955

Mrs. Philip Boblasky
103 East 60th Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Boblasky:

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

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January 26, 1955

Father Albert S. Foley
Department of Social Sciences
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill Station
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

George Mitchell has turned over to me your letter outlining the Community Relations Workshops which are being held by Spring Hill College at the downtown evening division. George says that I'm the guy who does the sort of consultant work for which you ask.

Actually I am assistant directer of the Council in charge of developing our twelve state organizations. Within the next six weeks to two months, I shall make a swing through Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana and shall plan to be with you on a Monday evening. I will notify you well in advance of a specific date and will be glad to discuss with your group either the program of the SRC or any other facet of community relations which you would care to assign to me.

I am a former professor of human relations at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida and have had considerable experience in community relations work by being one of the original instigators and first board members of the Dade County Council on Community Relations. Furthermore, I was the director of community research and planning for the Department of Human Relations at Miami.

I remember Spring Hill College in a nostalgic sort of way for way back in 47 or thereabouts I attended a debating tournament called, as I remember, the Azalea Tournament. I am glad to see that you are taking an active part with our Alabama Council on Human Relations for I believe the Catholic Church has a lot to contribute in its concept of man's relationship to God and man's relationship to man to such a group. Father Twomey in Louisiana and Monsignor Brunini in Mississippi have both been very helpful to us and very generous with their time.

I look forward to being with you some Monday evening in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf

January 26, 1955

Mrs. Jules Bank
1009 Gervais Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Bank:

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January 26, 1955

Mr. David H. Scull
Annandale,
Virginia

Dear Dave:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Emerson. A Nominating Committee looking toward a Virginia Council on Human Relations will as you know meet in Richmond, Tuesday, February 1st. I will be up there with them. Further, I will be in Washington Friday, February 4th, for some meeting which the NAACP has going at American University in the daytime, and at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 "R" Street, N. W., in Washington for an 8:00 p.m., evening meeting of the same youth conference. I am intending to take a plane back to Atlanta late Friday night.

A message at the Cosmos Club would doubtless reach me.

My main worry in moving ahead is the problem of tax exemption. Any money we have is tax exempt and must be so spent. Suppose you be thinking about devices that would provide SRC with a clean slate on that matter. It seems to me that the convenient method would be for your group in northern Virginia to be a sub-regional component of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. The VCHR will have in its by-laws, doubtless, a rule against legislative pressure. If you get a chance, you might ask Irene Osborne of the AFSC about tax exemption for their operation in Washington.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Emerson Smith

January 27, 1955

Mr. Harry W. Roberts
Head
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Harry:

I would think one good labor man is Ted DuCuennois, under Pugh, yourself, interracially inclined. Ask your friends. I also think highly of the Secretary of the A. F. of L. in Virginia, Welstead. Can you collect views on him?

For a subject for February 3rd, "Public Responsibility and the Schools." O.K? Or, you make a title.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 27, 1955

Mr. Charles A. Talbert
Second Methodist Church
1716 West Avenue
Elyria, Ohio

Dear Mr. Talbert:

I am sending separately a few of our most recent publications, mostly on the question of school segregation. The publication you should have will not be in print until next week; it is a collection of articles on progress and problems in the various areas of race relations, 50¢ per copy. If next week won't be too late and you wish a copy, please let me know and I will send it to you promptly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

Under Separate Cover:
- Answers for Action
- The Churches Speak
- Segregation in the Schools
- Integration in the Armed Services

January 27, 1955

Mr. Fred E. Darragh, Jr.
Darragh Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Fred:

Thank you for your letter of January 20th and I am pleased that you have a Personnel Committee organized. I will be on the lookout for the copy of the Constitution and the minutes of the two meetings.

I have been in communication with Dr. Parrish and he agrees that the 25th of February would be a good day to come to Little Rock. It will be possible for me to come, too, so you may proceed to organize the meeting for that date and be sure that both of us will be there.

Regards to my friends in Little Rock.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

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January 27, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Geyser
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Miss Geyser:

Best I can do is a couple of key paragraphs from what might be said by me February 4! And the mug!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

By: George S. Mitchell

The first thing to recognize is that in communities where segregation or desegregation is an issue at all, it must be discussed in detail jointly by white and Negro citizens, in circumstances of mutual confidence and respect. More than just discussed, of course. The whole course of action needs to be planned out and agreed upon by able representatives of all parties concerned.

In the planning one main thing is the exact local facts. How many children in what schools, located where in what school districts, at what distances from the homes of how many pupils; what shape are the various school-buildings in, what teachers have what tenure, how many actual transferees to other schools will there be, and in what grades? Citizens don't know these facts, and in my experience it's hard to worm them out of school boards. But they are the basis of community support for the action which the law requires. Every town and neighborhood should be busy seeing to it that the facts are understood by representative people. And out of the facts almost certainly a workable plan will emerge.

The other main thing is mutual respect. The best way to get that is for white and Negro citizens to work together on getting and interpreting the facts. In that process understanding comes to the fore. Mind you, no la de da from the nice white folks, and just as little suspicion as the Negro people can have; in honest, equal citizenship the answers can be found.

And there's one more thing:

All of the history and all we know about human nature proves that if people are given responsibility they live up to it. One problem about putting the schools together is that in the South (and in many Northern communities) Negro people have had so little responsibility for community decisions that they mistrust them all and stand aloof from them all. If on this matter the whole community is included, I am satisfied that wise and workable steps will be taken to bring communities around to compliance with the law of the land.

January 27, 1955

Mrs. Ward I. Nicholas
10287 Atlantic Blvd.
Jacksonville 7, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Nicholas:

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In Charge of
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Mrs. J.D. Conwell
1649 Eighth Ave., W.
Birmingham, Alabama

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January 27, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Stein
602 East Washington Street
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

Eventful year last year!

Some of the things we have tugged at so long began to slide, and fortunately the Council could be busier and bigger than before.

We had been working toward a grant from the Fund for the Republic, and finally in April, 1954, the first installment of it came through. They staked us to paid professional staff for strengthened race relations agencies in each of twelve Southern states. Also, they provided for moderate expansion of this central office to do a better job of supervising the twelve expanded programs. The first grant was in the handsome amount of $240,000, and we suppose that assistance from them, but in diminishing amounts, will contimue for a total of three and a half years.

We have got active state organisations going now in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Texas. We have got reorganized groups,as yet unstaffed, in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Florida. Virginia comes along pretty soon with a meeting I am to be at next Tuesday in Richmond. By the way, I constantly see Mrs. Wayne Batty's name in all the lists of our good Virginia members.

We altered the structure of the Council and turned it into a single self-pertuating Board of Directors. Our members in the South were given back to the state organizations. Loyal associate members from the North and West still send in dues to the Southern Regional Council direct (and that makes up a sizeable nugget of revenue!)

There is a good deal of strain in the organization as it grows. We are unsettled here and there on points of policy. But we have hold of the central idea that if you get white and Negro people of similar status working together on a matter of common interest, they will find solutions. And, of course, the most pressing problem to be solved is the matter of the schools. Rambunctiousness we encounter here and there. But by and large, in my own judgment, the South has met the prospect of great change with more calm than I had expected.

On this point, I ~~had~~ heard a knowledgeable person say sometime ago, that so carefully had the newspapers of the South been cautioned that the decision of the Supreme Court should be calmly received that on the day after the decision, the editorial appeals for calmness reached a note positively hysterical.

You, as a school teacher, will have put a professional eye on a pamphlet we did last Fall, called Answers for Action. Subsequently we have done a reprinting with an improved map at the back, and I send you, separately, a copy of that. It has sold about 25,000 copies and will go through 30,000 we think. It was done to be used by local bi-racial discussion groups.

I go speaking about from point to point. Hard to make so many speeches and stay with the show too, but you hate to turn down chances to reach people directly in the local communities. On money, suprisingly, we have still got problems. Naturally, the Fund for the Republic requires us to raise quite a lot more than we have ever had to before. We have had good luck on that because both the Marshall Field Foundation and the Doris Duke Foundation have come to our aid with modest grants to strengthen New South. (Hope you will be seeing the results soon!) But still we are ten or eleven thousand dollars away from what we have to raise by September, 1955.

I will send the audit for last year as soon as it can be had, which should be in a week or so. Please help us again this year if you can. We are not in desperate straits, we admit. We do stand much in need of three, four, or five hundred dollars.

I observe on the calendar that I am due in Chicago March 5th, 6th, and 7th. The John Dewey Society on the 5th, and the outfit for Supervision and Curriculum Development on the 7th. Again I am back in Chicago March 16th for a meeting of the Council Against Discrimination. I will probably be in Chicago on the 17th also to speak to the Chicago or the Milwaukee chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Is there any chance that somewhere in either of those two times you and I could have a visit, or even the long-projected small gathering of your friends?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

January 27, 1955

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Mr. Mays and I were at a sub-committee meeting of the Atlanta branch of the NAACP last night, and between us and with the help of others worked up the idea of inviting a number of white people of the Atlanta area to come into the Atlanta branch.

We thought it would be appropriate if you and Mr. Mays and I sent out a letter. I am prepared to get up a list of people appropriate for the letter to be sent to. Other names will occur to you and Mr. Mays that I would not know of; and they should be added to the list.

My notion would be for the letter to go out over your signature on Gammon stationary, and with Mr. Mays' name and mine coming next. One of the NAACP campaign envelopes, as enclosed, would go with each letter.

Mr. Mays made the point that some people would not care to become members of the NAACP, but would be quite willing to make a donation. I don't know just how to convey that suggestion and so didn't do so.

What do you say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl:
cc: Mr. Benjamin E. Mays

DRAFT

LETTER TO VARIOUS WHITE PEOPLE IN ATLANTA AREA RE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAACP

Dear Friend:

The Atlanta branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is now trying to expand its membership, and it would particularly like to have some additional white members.

We think the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People asks for what is right and that its efforts should be sustained.

If you will be willing to make some donation to it, please send back the enclosed envelope to the first signer of this letter.

Sincerely,

Harry V. Richardson

Benjamin E. Mays

George S. Mitchell

January 27, 1955

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Dave:

It is now possible to plan a definite itinerary for a swing through the state of Florida. As things stand, and if agreeable with you, this will be the schedule:

Monday	February 7	Tallahassee
Tuesday	February 8	Gainesville
Wednesday	February 9	Orlando
Thursday	February 10	Tampa and St. Pete
Friday	February 11	Miami
Saturday	February 12)-	(Time off, no charge to Florida group)
Sunday	February 13)	
Monday	February 14)-	Jacksonville
Tuesday	February 15)	
Wednesday	February 16	Return to Atlanta

I believe a great deal can be accomplished in this swing through the state in tightening the state organization and in bringing new recruits and blood to it. Would you please notify the appropriate person or "spark plug" in each area and let me know who I am to contact in the various places. In case we don't have anybody in Gainesville, for instance, I will talk with some people I know in the University. In the case of Miami, I want to talk to the Executive Committee of the Dade County Council on Community Relations about the interrelationship of the two organizations.

With careful planning and careful spending, I think we can limit the cost to about $200 for the entire trip. This will come out of the funds allocated to Florida as of October 1st but not yet used and not out of the fund that will be allocated to Florida on a prorated basis after you get hired staff.

If there is any further information you need or any suggestions you want to make please do so. Remember this is for the Florida organization and therefore the desires of the organization are paramount.

Let me hear from you on this matter please. Regards to my friends.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Miss Helen E. Amerman
5439 S. Kimbark
Chicago, Illinois

Regret I can't make NAIRO Board Meeting this time.

Fred Routh

January 27, 1955

Mr. James Armstrong
120 Jane Way Street
Norfolk 3, Virginia

Dear James and Phyllis:

Here I come, by my lonesome. Miss Ellen 'lows she's heading home, and Alice and the Tita will drive half of this coming Saturday night to Charlotte, and pick the Dellum off the bus at 6:30 A.X. Sunday morning, have a second cup of coffee at Lillian's, and drag on back to Atlanta.

Which puts me by myself. I take the N and W train #8 out of Petersburg at 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, February 1st, and head the railroad dock in Norfolk at 7:05 p.m., that day. Pleasant if somebody could meet me but I could also get from there to your house. I hope you will bed me down that night and the next, and along in the Thursday morning I go straight back toward Petersburg, to be there by the mid-afternoon.

So far as I can learn from the ladies I'm not busy for them until about 5:00 p.m. the 2nd of February, and thence furiously till 10:00 p.m.

Best, till soon

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 27, 1955

Mr. Harry J. Alderman, Librarian
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Alderman:

You have our correct name and address, although you might want to add the street number shown on this letterhead.

Our officers are as follows:

Marion A. Wright ....President
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Gordon B. Hancock ....Vice-President
A.W. Dent ....Vice-President
Rufus E. Clement Chmn., Exec. Com.
Leonard Haas ....Counsel
George S. Mitchell ....Executive Director

If your Library of Jewish Information is not already on our mailing list, I will see that it is added. We receive many of AJC's mailings, but if we're missing any of them, I will appreciate your seeing that we are included.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 27, 1955

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183, Univ. Sta.
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Patty:

Of course we remember you and have followed with great interest your good works. Good news, indeed, that the Saturday Evening Post is planning to use your article on the latent readiness of Southern whites to accept desegregation. It should do a lot of good in offsetting the shouts of the demagogues.

As to reprints, I am sure we could use some to good advantage. But the quantity would depend on the cost. Do you know yet what the financial considerations will be? If not, simply cast our vote as interested in seeing the article reprinted. In any event we can make the availibility of the reprints known to all our state people.

By the way, I appreciated your sending me the clipping on the appearance you made before the Virginia Commission, and I appreciated even more your courageous and forthright testimony.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 27, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

All straight; I'm coming for Sunday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. (will arrive a while before to be sure), and shall be happy to meet with the group after the service.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 27, 1955

Mr. C.A. McKnight
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Pete:

I was glad to get your letter with the welcome news that you are now in the archives business on a full scale. Certainly we will want appropriate back issues of New South and other SRC publications included. I have already deputized myself to make such a selection and will send it on to you soon.

By now you will be aware of the fact that Fred Routh of our staff delivered to one of your innumerable assistants the corpus delicti of the Ashmore Project. I felt a trifle guilty sending it to you in its somewhat decomposed state, but you will recognize that these were working documents assembled without regard to posterity. Most of the stuff bundled together as staff memos represents the frenzied threshing about of the scholars involved and influenced the book little or none at all. The same is true of the card file on community studies.

Anyhow, what I sent includes all of the documents except an Earl Johnson memo (which Ashmore had and has probably forwarded) and a screed on the Chicago public schools by Helen Amerman (which Coombs took for Robin Williams' use). Also missing is a copy of the so-called research draft produced here in Atlanta, which is the primitive ancestor of the book. Maybe the Fund can supply a copy.

The correspondence of the project has never been in my hands. I think John Griffin has some of it and, of course, more would be in the files of the Fund. The Atlanta portion of it, at least, should be a part of your collection and I have so told Griffin.

It would be great if you found some valid reason for coming to Atlanta, since it appears that I am never going to get to Nashville and I would like to see you.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf
cc:J.J.Scanlon

January 27, 1955

Mr. Benjamin R. Epstein
National Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Ben:

How very nice to be asked to the April 29-30 Conference. Of course I will be there.

New York is off my beat on travel, and I would hope that there would be some way for ADL or somebody else to float the cost of a trip, but as far as the days are concerned, they are held.

I would like to be part of #2, but my highest duty is to #4.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 28, 1955

Culligan Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would be grateful if the club would hold an inexpensive room for me for the night of Thursday, February 3. I don't expect to be getting in until about 10:30 that evening.

Sincerely.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 28, 1955

TO: KS

From the incoming from Rabbi Mantinband, January 28th, I gather the following:

Mrs. Lyells began duty January 1. Salary $5,000 a year. Title, Executive Director. Subject to ratification by the Board. Her temporary headquarters are 1104 Lynch Street.

Nobody else has as yet been employed. No clerk. No other director. They think of engaging three white consultants.

The 1955 annual meeting is set for February 13th at 2:30 p.m., Millsaps College, Jackson. They will then elect officers.

January 28, 1955

Mr. Douglas Cater
The Reporter
1341 G Street
Washington 5, D.C.

Dear Doug:

Unfortunately we failed to send in a plug in time for the Reporter's correspondence roundup on your and on Bogart's articles on integration. But this is to let you know that we were much struck with your account of Washington desegregation and are pulling out one of the juicier paragraphs for the next issue of New South.

Let me hear from you sometime. I'd like to help you promote a Southern trip.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/rnf

January 28, 1955

Dr. P. W. Hill
P. O. Box 547
Clarksdale, Miss.

Dear Dr. Hill:

Only three of the publications you requested in your letter of January 23 are available from the Southern Regional Council. Six copies of "Negro Police in Southern Cities," New South, October, 1947, "What Happened at Columbia, Tenn.," New South," May, 1946 and "Your Community Looks at Itself" have been sent to you under separate cover, along with ten copies of the 1954 Negro police list and a summary of comments on the service of Negro police entitled "Have Negro Police Been Satisfactory?"

The other publications you requested are available as follows:

Kluchesky, Joseph T. Police Action in Minority Problems. Freedom House, Wilkie Memorial Bldg., 20 W. 40th St., New York 18, N. Y.

Lee, Alfred McClung. Race Riots aren't Necessary, Public Affairs Pamphlet No. 107, Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th St., New York 16, N. Y.

Allport, Gordon. Police and Minority Groups. Boston Police Department, Boston, Mass.

Benedict, Ruth and Gene Weltfish. Races of Mankind, Public Affairs Pamphlet No. 85. Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th St., New York 16, N. Y.

The "Guide to Race Relations for Police Officers" published by the California Department of Justice is now accompanied by a second publication, "Guide to Race Relations for Peace Officers." Both are available from the office of the California Attorney General, Sacramento, Calif.

You might be interested in some of the other publications in this area listed in the accompanying bibliography.

If you find that you do not need six copies of the survey manual --or any of the other material sent separately--please feel free to return what you do not use.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden, Research Assistant

January 28, 1955

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Ex. Sec.
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street - Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Dr. Mitchell has suggested that as you and the North Carolina Council plan ways to encourage integration in North Carolina schools you might find excerpts from the detailed reports of Mr. Menefee's contacts in the Appalachian areas of North Carolina helpful. Please find enclosed such excerpts. It is agreed that effort should be made to induce certain of the Appalachian counties to terminate segregation at the beginning of the 1955-56 school term. We will be interested to hear to what extent the North Carolina Council is, or plans to become, involved in this effort.

I am also enclosing a list of people in North Carolina with whom Mr. Menefee talked this summer during the time he was working for the SRC. The people on the list marked "I" are those who Mr. Menefee thought would surely be hopeful prospects to recruit for any program in the state concerned with implementation of the school decision. In many cases he probably did not talk about organizational relationships but it is our impression that these would very likely be interested in a relationship to the North Carolina Council. The people on the second list, marked "II", are those Mr. Menefee thought might probably be interested and helpful. In any case, they should be sent materials of interpretation and given an opportunity to relate to the North Carolina Council's program.

As you will remember, Mr. Menefee's report was carried in the October 1954 issue of New South. He made some suggestions about approach to community on the basis of his summer's experience which we have prepared for staff use. In case you have not had a copy of this, it is also enclosed for your information.

As you may know, the NAACP has several community consultants. The person working in North Carolina is Mr. Loftus C. Carson, Box 62, Bennett College, Greensborough, N.C. When you have an opportunity to talk with him it may be that an exchange of information about the various communities of North Carolina might be mutually helpful.

We do hope that all is moving along well with the North Carolina development. We hope that you will keep us in touch with developments in the North Carolina legislature on matters involving the schools.

With cordial good wishes,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for Program

GTH/raf cc: CHP
encl. 4

EXCERPTS OF REPORTS RE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITIES FOR SRC
Robert F. Menefee
Summer 1954

Summary Comments

1. Key spots for future work by a state organization of the Council seem to me to be Yancey County (Burnsville) and Ashe County.

2. Yancey and Mitchell Counties are those where integration immediately would have the greatest economic benefit.

3. In this area the problem among the leaders of the area is one of indifference rather than opposition.

4. A major factor in the North Carolina situation is the fact that schools are largely state financed and administered. Local financing and control are at a minimum. The policy adopted by the Legislature and the State Board will therefore be much more conclusive than may be true in other states.

5. In the selection of teachers, the local committee apparently has full power. This complicates the question of the status of Negro teachers in an integrated system. It is further complicated in the areas I have visited by a surplus of qualified applicants, even for elementary schools.

Re Burnsville, N.C.

As to the situation in general here I think it may very well be somewhat unique in terms of the need for integration and perhaps even the opportunity for it, and it may even be unique in its indifference and inertia. As yet I have not talked with enough people in enough communities to know how unique the situation here is, but I would like to explain why I think there are some unusual factors. In the first place the county schools are apparently lagging behind those even in adjacent counties. There is one Negro elementary school which is admittedly inferior and overdue for replacement. There is no Negro high school at all. The twelve to sefenteen high school pupils are transported daily 40 miles to Asheville. It is generally agreed in Burnsville at least that the county is overdue for consolidation. All of this makes the time fight for integration.

In the second place I have been considerably impressed with the possibility for action in this town and county. This is due to a good many situations. There have already been an unusual number of bi-racial events and a few beginnings on real interracial activity. To list a few of these:

a. The public library here is open to all without discrimination.
b. A hospital has recently been built and is operating on a non-discriminatory basis so far as I could find out. At least a Negro can get any room in the hospital for which he can pay.
c. One of the best music teachers in the town has several Negro pupils and holds her student recitals on an entirely non-segregated basis.
d. The annual World Day of Prayer includes a luncheon here and this year the invitation to the church women was sent to the Negro church as well as others, and several Negro ladies came to the luncheon and the service and there was no comment or concern.

It is probably also significant that the Negroes in this community, while fairly few (about one per cent) are unusually self reliant and economically independent. Most of them own their own homes. When the city was unable or unwilling to install a water system for the main Negro settlement, the Negroes themselves put in running water using springs on some of their property, laying the pipes, buying the fixtures, etc., themselves. This kind of thing has won them considerable respect among the whites. There was in fact, complete agreement among all those with whom I talked that integration would take place in this county whenever it became state policy and that there would be no problem of any serious nature when that happened. Only one person said flatly that he favored separate schools. This significantly enough was the county school superintendent, but his term of office will end this year and several people intimated that the new administration would probably be a better one.

Offsetting these several favorable factors there is an almost complete indifference and inertia, and I cannot say I succeeded in starting many fires. Among those with whom I talked, most feel that there is no race problem in Burnsville and that there will not be a problem when integration comes and that there is no reason to get stirred up. The few who are concerned feel that there is little use in trying to get others concerned and are displaying a general apathy which I must admit has some justification.

All in all, I would describe this as an extremely fertile field for future work. But it will take some strong pushing to get action.

Specifically Good Prospects for SRC

Ingalls	Mrs. Frank Phillips, housewife, leader of young people's work, Methodist.
West Jefferson	Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, Methodist minister, Executive Secretary for Town and Country Comm'n. in Western Conference of North Carolina.
Warrensville	Mrs. Claudia Johnson, leader in Methodist W.S.C.S.
Glendale Springs	Thomas S. Boyd, Presbyterian elder, civic leader.

I -- PERSONS SEEN BY ROBERT MENEFEE -- July and August 1954 -- NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Rupert Crowell, 23 Crowell Road, Asheville, Enka 41 M
Housewife, Methodist women's leader.

Mr. Don Shoemaker, Citizen-Times Bldg., Asheville, 5611
Editor of Asheville Citizen, Affiliated SRC.

Mr. D. Hiden Ramsey, 60 Woodward Road, Asheville, 3-3305
General Manager Citizen-Times, 14 O'Henry Ave., 5611
Affiliated SRC.

Mr. George M. Stephens, 4 Hilltop Road, Asheville, 2-2850
Runs printing company, 50 W. Walnut Street, The Stephens Press, 2-2726
Affiliated SRC

Louise Ballard, Lake Junaluska
Disctict Office of Methodist W.C.S.

Dr. Cameron F. McRae, Box 155, Burnsville, 168
Public Health Officer, 3 counties, Affiliated SRC

Rev. D.B. Alderman, Academy Street, Burnsville
Minister, Methodist.

R.H. Wilson, Burnsville
Lawyer, office across from Court House.

Mrs. Tilly Brooks, Celo
Rural work for Methodist Church, Yancey Methodist Council

Rev. Joe Petree, Newdale Methodist Church, Newdale
Pastor

Jason B. Deyton, County Office Building, Bakersville
Superintendent of Schools, Mitchell County

Mrs. Aileen Von Cannon, Avery County News, Newland
Editor, Active in Banner Elk women's club.

Mrs. William Brinkley, Elk Park
Supervisor of Elementary Schools, County, Husband has business in Elk Park

Mr. Marion Wright, Linville Falls
Retired lawyer, President SRC

W.K. Anderson, County Court House, Newland
County School Supt., Democrat, state appointee in strongly Republican county

Mrs. Sloop, Crossmore
Operates boarding home for children (mostly from western N.C.) who attend
Crossmore public school - app. 200.

Sam Heaton, Ingalls, Brosby Creek Road
Probably farms some, Has usually held county office. Commissioner many years.
Republican.

Mrs. Frank Phillips, near Ingalls, (ask at Shell Station at intersection of Routes 194
and 19E)
Housewife, Methodist, leader in ~~group~~ young peoples work in church.

Mrs. Brooks Shell, Elk Park
American Red Cross, Newland
R.C. representative in county, Case worker, Welfare Dept (part time)

Miss Geraldine Surratt, Route 2, Boone
Methodist, Rural worker under auspices of Meth. W.S.C.S.

Pres. B.B. Dougherty, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone
College President, Member, N.C. State Board of Education

Rev. J.T. Shackford, Boone
Minister Methodist Church

Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, West Jefferson
Methodist Parsonage, minister, Ex. Sec., Town & Country Comm'n.
Western N.C. Conf. of Methodist Church

Rev. Rexford Campbell, First Baptist Church, West Jefferson
Minister, Baptist.

Mrs. Stella Anderson, The Skyland Post, West Jefferson
Editor, The Skyland Post, husband is publisher of this and other papers.
Methodist, Active in women's clubs, former state president.
Member of Board, University of North Carolina

Mrs. Claudis Johnson, Box 23, Warrensville
Owns Georgianna Beauty Shop, West Jefferson, widow of mining engineer
Warrensville Methodist Church, Zone leader in W.S.C.S.

Thomas S. Boyd, Mr. & Mrs., Blue Ridge Parkway, Glendale Springs
Manufacturer's representative, electrical heating equipment
Elder, Presbyterian Church, leader in Glendale Springs Advance Club (member of N.W. North Carolina Development Assoc.)

Miss Patricia Rothreck, 334 W. Pine Street, Mount Airy
S.R.C. member.

Erling Toness, % The Yancey Record, Burnsville
Reporter and part editor of Yancey Record.

Mrs. Joe Young, Adademy Street, Burnsville
Housewife, Presbyterian (Methodist before marriage)

Mrs. Troy Ray, Burnsville (near Mrs. Young)
Housewife, Methodist (husband is Baptist)

Dr. Fletcher Nelson, Banner Elk
Pres. Lees-McRae College (E.L. Lafferty, Dean)
Formerly Methodist minister

Mrs. Austin E. South, Water Street, Boone
Probably housewife, Active in Methodist Church

R.A. Farthing, Valle Crucis
Postmaster, Methodist layman

Oddie J. Cox, Nathan's Creek (Jefferson)
Principal and teacher at the Bristol School (Negro)

Rev. John Luke, Glendale Springs
Minister, Presbyterian, also leader in community development program

Dr. Arthur Bannerman, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa
President of college
Presbyterian Church, Chrmn. Swannanoa Community Council

II -- PEOPLE SEEN BY ROBERT MENEFEE -- Summer 1954 -- NORTH CAROLINA

I.W. Byers, 708 City Hall, Asheville, 3-0551
Asheville Supt. of Schools

William Medford, 205 N. Main Street, Waynesville, Glendale 6-4071
Lawyer, just elected to State Senate, has served in legislature before.

B. Lamar Lunsford, Jr., 4 Gibson, Oteen, 2-4041
Asst. Supervisor of Veterans Farmer Training Program
State Dept. of Education (supervises 29 counties in western end of state)

H.D. Justice, County Court House, Burnsville
Supt. of Schools, Yancey County

Oscar Deyton, Burnesville, Operator Deyton Farm Supplies Store

Mack Ray, Academy Street, Burnsville,
District Supervisor, F.H.A., U.S. Dept. of Agri., probably Methodist

Howard Collins, H & T Restaurant, Newland
Restaurnt owner, formerly principal of Newland School, Republican

George, Bowman, Mr. and Mrs., Elk Park
Long time school superintendent, retired. Wife is teaching

Dean Ranken, Boone, Appalachian State Teachers College

W.H. Walker, County Office Building, Boone , County Supt. of Schools

J.G. Barden, Boone, 417 Howard Street
Prof. at Appl. State Teachers, wife teaches in elem. sch., missionaries to Africa for many years.

Wade Vannoy, Jr., Upstairs over Ferguson Tractor Co., W. Jefferson, Lawyer

A.B. Hunt, County Court House, Jefferson, County school supt., Rotary Club

Austin, W.B., Jefferson, Lawyer, Methodist, District Lay Leader, Meth. County Council

Frank James, Lansing, Principal Lansing School, Supt. Sun. School, Warrensville Meth. Ch.

January 28, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
One East Fifty-Fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

I apprise you of a tax exemption problem now in the mill.

Our Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, through its Executive Director, Guy Wells, sought funds from local foundations in the Atlanta area. They asked for evidence of tax exemption. He consulted us and made an application. It went in to Washington and came back only half approved, conferring tax exemption upon the income of the Georgia Committee, but not conferring tax exemption upon donors to it.

In exact conformity with directions for appeal, we prepared the attached appeal.

This, of course, had the advance approval of our general counsel, Mr. Leonard Haas.

Our President, Marion Wright, in reviewing this points out that we should send all this on to you for review by your lawyers, as obviously both the Fund and the Southern Regional Council are directly involved.

I think that the matter will come straight when sufficient information is placed before the Treasury people. But we wish to act in concert with you so far as that may be desired.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: 1. ltr. dtd. 1/3/55 to Committee on Interracial Cooperation from Treasury Department

2. Copy of appeal made by the Georgia Committee

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

January 28, 1955

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

You overbudget me on time for my morning speech. I have never been known to take up an hour, even with questions. Push me down to an outside total of forty minutes, including some report on what is happening in the rest of the States. I will within the forty minutes point up the situations which we are facing today, and analyse some of the problems.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

January 28, 1955

TO: HCF

This came in just before my leaving on February 28th.

I have skimmed through it.

Also, I have picked up the situation about placing the matter before David Freeman.

Will you read Marion's letter and be prepared to advise further when I get back about February 7th.

January 28, 1955

Miss Margaret Garrity
Catholic Conference on Industrial
Problems
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Maggie:

Many thanks for your letter of January 24th. Most helpful for the Virginia group.

They forgot to send with the letter the brochure put out by the NCCW. If it's coming separately, it will. If it still sits in Washington, please hook it and send it on to me. Would like to see it.

Hope to see you when I am in Washington next Friday, February 4th, in the custody of a meeting the NAACP has at American University in the daytime and in the nighttime at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 "R" Street, N. W., where I have to make a speech to NAACP youth at 8:00 p.m. But be thou home with thy family at 8:00 on Friday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

January 28, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Many thanks for the most interesting materials you sent. I have read them with care and Mrs. Tilly with double care.

Tom Sutherland came through this morning and I talked to him briefly by phone. I am glad he collected the Washington and Baltimore experiences.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 28, 1955

To: GSM
RE: Note to Hugh D. Pickett, Jr.

Mrs. Margaret Butcher, 1712 16th Street, Washington, D.C., is community consultant for NAACP and probably has more firsthand information than any other person regarding "information about the future plans for integration in W.Va." Would suggest that Mr. Pickett get in touch with her. So far as I know, we have no information in this office about "significant action on a local level by churches or ministers either pro or con." Would suggest we enclose for his information "The Churches Speak."

January 28, 1955

Mr. Malcolm Ross
University Editor
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Fla.

Dear Mike:

This is just a note to let you know that tentative plans call for me to be in Miami on Friday, February 11th. I am traveling about the state seeking to tighten the organizational ties of the Florida Council on Human Relations (SRC).

You suggested that when I was next in Miami I should sit down with the Exceutive Committee of the Dade County Council. Would it be possible to arrange this for Friday, the eleventh?

Best regards to my friends at the University, to your good wife, Camille.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organisation

FBR/rnf

January 28, 1955

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Larry:

I am doing my best to get that stuff down from Chapel Hill. I have gone to see Guy and I have written Guy twice.

I want the people at Chapel Hill to complete their work before we subject it to comment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

January 28, 1955

Mr. John W. Edelman
Textile Workers Union of America
Warner Building
13th and "E" Streets, N. W.
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear John:

Two sources of such photos:

(1) The photo morgue of a leading daily newspaper in each Southern State (or those in the lower South, with the most ppor schools). In Atlanta about three years ago a good feature-writer named Margaret Shannon toured the State and took and published photos of bum schools. She did for the *Atlanta Journal*. You are likely to be able to find similar pictures in a similar paper in each State. *Advertiser* for Alabama; *State* for South Carolina, *Picayune* for Louisiana, *Clarion-Ledger* for Mississippi, *News and Observer* for North Carolina.

(2) A wandery photographer, not young any more, named W. Hardin Hughes, resident from February 1st, 1955 at 1631 C University Avenue, Berkeley, California, has accumulated pictures for many years on the contrast between white and Negro schools in the South. Has many scores. I know that isn't the point for the moment, but it certainly yielded (about 1950?) a flock of pictures of bum schools. Get hold of him and you've got many pictures, though I think mostly of four and five years ago.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

January 31, 1955

Mr. Hugh D. Pickett, Jr.
Box 72
409 Prospect Street
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your inquiry of January 24th in regard to plans which county boards have made for desegregation next Fall. I regret that we have no first hand contact with West Virginia communities.

Mrs. Margaret Butcher, 1712 16th Street, Washington, D.C., is community consultant for NAACP and probably has more firsthand information than any other person regarding "information about the future plans for integration in West Virginia." We suggest that she may be able to answer your queries more exactly.

You will probably find the Southern School News reports on West Virginia helpful. We are sending under separate cover copies of the last two issues. If you find this publication helpful, you may request further copies direct, both back issues and forthcoming issues.

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Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director
for
Program Development

GTH/rnf

Enclosure:
The Churches Speak

January 31, 1955

Rev. Lewis E. Everline
329 E. Main St.
Lincolnton, N. C.

Dear Rev. Everline:

We do not have copies of the states' amicus curiae briefs regarding implementation of the May 17 school segregation decision available for distribution, or copies of the U. S. Attorney General's brief. These are available from attorney generals in the various states filing briefs ~~upon request~~ and from the U. S. Attorney General's office—free of charge, upon request with the exception of the Maryland brief which is sold by a commercial printer at $1.50. I suggest that you write directly for any briefs you ~~wish~~ to obtain and am enclosing a list of attorney generals in the various states filing briefs, for your convenience. If you have not already done so, you will probably also want to secure the NAACP brief. I have included the appropriate address for securing the NAACP brief in the attached list.

I am sending a packet of material under separate cover that should be useful in your conference. The six issues of our monthly bulletin NEW SOUTH included in the packet ("A Checklist for Your Local Schools" among them) are all available in quantities at ten cents each. As for the other items included:

1. Southern School News is a monthly publication reporting developments in the South resulting from the Supreme Court school decision, available free of charge upon request from Southern Education Reporting Service, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tenn. The two latest copies are being sent to you.

2. Analysis of Georgia's Private School Amendment available from League of Women Voters of Georgia, 78 Marietta NW, Atlanta, Ga. at five cents each. (October, 1954 edition of GEORGIA VOTER)

3. Report on Catholic school integration in the South available free upon request from Catholic Interracial Council, 20 Vesey Street, New York 7, N. Y.

Mississippi's admendment seeking to circumvent the Supreme Court decision is attached. You will find the text of the Georgia amendment in the League of Women Voters analysis cited above and the South Carolina amendment text in one of the issues of NEW SOUTH sent separately. (February, 1953) I do not at present have the text of the Louisiana amendment, but have written to our affiliated organization in Louisiana for a copy. I will send it as soon as it arrives.

You will note that the December 1, 1954 SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS carries a report on passage of the Louisiana amendment and summarizes its provisions.

We do not have copies of the S. C. Farm Bureau's booklet. I noticed, however, a substantial quote from a recent resolution on school segregation adopted by the Farm Bureau (S. C.) in the December 1, 1954 SOUTHERN SCHOOL NEWS, which might be sufficient for your needs.

I would suggest that you become acquainted with Robin M. Williams' SCHOOLS IN TRANSITION (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1954) if you have not already done so. SCHOOLS IN TRANSITION reports the experiences of a number of border-state and southwestern communities in desegregating their schools, and in doing so, gives insight into the many problems facing desegregating communities.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Anna Holden
Research Assistant

January 31, 1955

Mr. W.P. Ketterer
Route 6, Box 433
Tyler, Texas

Dear Mr. Ketterer:

Many thanks for your letter of January 26th and in Dr. Mitchell's absence I am taking the liberty of answering it. It is good to know that there are folks like you living in East Texas who are anxious to do what they can to bring about integrated schools at the earliest possible moment. It was kind of Mrs. Johnson of the Oklahoma City Urban league to refer you to us.

I am enclosing a small pamphlet on the Council with this letter and sending under separate cover our pamphlet Answers for Action which deals with the problems of integrating the schools. I wish you would write to our Texas state Executive Secretary at the Texas Commission on Race Relations, 309 West 21st Street, Austin, Texas. Mr. Thomas S. Sutherland is the Executive Secretary. Membership in the Texas state organization is $5.00 per individual or $7.50, I believe, per couple. As a member of the Texas organization you would receive all the publications of the Southern Regional Council.

It is a big problem that faces the South but a problem that can be solved by people who believe in democracy and who are anxious to see America living up to the best of her traditions. Thanks once more for showing an interest in the work and for writing us.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
for
State Organization

FBR/rnf
encl.
cc: T.S.
Encl. - South of the Future

January 31, 1955

Tutwyler Hotel
Birmingham, Ala.

Gentlemen:

Please make reservations for me for the nights of the 9th and 10th of February -- single room with bath.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
In Charge of
Women's Work

MET/rnf

January 31, 1955

Mr. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

In George Mitchell's absence I am taking the liberty of answering your letter of January 27th. I am glad to find that you have been appointed chairman of the Personnel Committee and that the Committee has received several applications for the job of Executive Secretary. It is my personal belief that the person you choose as Executive Secretary should come from Arkansas and should know the state rather well. After all, the work is to be done with the people of Arkansas and they would relate more quickly to a local person. I believe, too, that it would not only be possible but desirable for Arkansas to have a Negro as Executive Secretary. We do not believe there should be any requirements on race but that the person best qualified should get the job. We are always pleased, however, to find qualified Negro people being employed in responsible positions. If you would care to write to another group and ask for available people, you might write to NAIRO (National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials). Mr. John Field, Secretary, NAIRO, 565 North Erie Street, Toledo 2, Ohio. In writing them I would explain the nature of the work that you expect the Executive Secretary to do and the qualifications and competencies you desire in an Executive Secretary.

I remember with pleasure my visit to Little Rock and remember the contribution you made to the meeting that night. I look forward to seeing you and the other folks out there on Friday, February 25th, when there is to be a meeting of your Executive Board. I have written Fred Darragh and told him that both Dr. C.H. Parrish and I will be out for this meeting.

Good luck in the significant job you are doing as chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
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January 31, 1955

Miss Grace E. Marr
Assistant Executive Secretary
American Nurses' Association, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Marr:

Dr. Mitchell has referred your letter of January 13th to me for reply. The plans of the American Nurses' Association to initiate "an intergroup relations project in approximately six different geographical areas of the United States" seems to us an excellent idea -- very sound in concept. We believe that it is only through involvement of the people most concerned in a given area of community activity that progress towards integration will come in various community services. The selection of project sites would seem to be the first opportunity to encourage such involvement.

We believe that there would be gains in raising your question about appropriate states and cities with the president of the Nurses' Association in each of the Southern states. I believe that the judgment of Mrs. Laura Fitzsimmons (Pres. Georgia Association of Nursing, Veterans Administration Hospital, Augusta) should be sought as to whether the project would serve as an opportunity for enlarging the insights both of members of the profession and of the community at large in regard to the efforts of the American Nurses' Association to extend democratic practices. We hope that, by all means, one or two communities in the Southern region will be included among the project sights. Perhaps the choice of one might be the particular interests of the state association to impove its own practices. The other might be a state or a community already geared for an integrated approach to the objectives of the program.

Your basis for judgment is much better than ours on the specific places under either category.

It occurs to me that you will find many supporting community efforts in Tennessee.

We will hope to be kept in touch with developments in regard to this proposal. And will be happy to cooperate in such ways as are possible at later stages.

With my cordial good wishes,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director

GTH/rnf

Copies sent (at their request) to —

Ga. Committee on Intr. Coop.
ADL
Atl. Urban League
NAACP
Dave Burgess, CIO
Presbytr. Bd. of Education
(Reeves)
Morris Abram
Cassandra M. Birnie
R.O. Johnson, AU
Hylan Lewis, AU
Ga. Council of Churches

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO SEGREGATION INTRODUCED IN THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY 1955

S.B. No. 40, by Senator Overby of the 33rd District. Enacted into Law.

A BILL

To be entitled an Act to provide that no State or local funds shall be in any manner appropriated or expended for public school purposes except for schools in which the white and colored races are separately educated; to provide that no budget under Sections 32-619 and 32-620 of the Code of this State shall be approved which does not so provide; and to provide that no funds shall be expended for public schools within the district submitting such budget without approval of such budget; to provide punishment for violation of any of the provisions of this Act; to provide for recovery at law on behalf of the State for violation thereof; to provide that this Act shall apply to all public school systems in this State created at any time; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that no State or local funds derived from taxation or otherwise, shall be appropriated, paid out, used, or in any wise expended, directly or indirectly, for the maintenance, upkeep, operation, or support of any public school district or system in this State which does not provide separate schools for white and colored children throughout the entire district or system and in which all the white and colored children attending public schools do not attend separate schools; nor shall any such money be appropriated, used, paid out, or in any wise expended, directly or indirectly, for the payment of any salary or compensation of any nature or character whatsoever to any teacher, instructor, employee or official of any public school district or system instructing mixed classes of white and colored children or in any wise concerned in the maintenance, upkeep, support or operation of any public school district or system which does not maintain and provide separate public schools for white and colored children throughout the entire district or system and in which all the white and colored children attending public schools are not educated in separate schools; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to the annual capital outlay funds allotted to the local school units as referred to in the General Appropriations Act approved February 20, 1953, or to any funds hereafter appropriated for capital outlay purposes, nor to funds for payment of principal or interest on any bonded indebtedness.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, that no budget filed or submitted under Sections 32-619 and 32-620 of the Code of this State shall be approved by the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Schools, or other official, which does not provide that all items of proposed expenditure set forth therein shall lapse and become void in the event separate schools for white and colored children should not be maintained and operated in the school district, system or unit submitting such budget and throughout the entire district or system and in the event all the white and colored children attending the public schools thereof do not attend separate schools; and no public school system, district or unit in this State or any officer or employee thereof shall make any expenditure of any public funds for the maintenance or operation of such district, system or unit or any school therein until the budget referred to in said sections of the Code shall have been approved by the State Board of Education or the State Superintendent of Schools as provided in said Code Section 32-620; provided, however, said district, system or unit and the officials thereof shall in all events make payment of sums due the State School Building Authority and payment of principal and interest on any bonded indebtedness, the provisions of this Section notwithstanding.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, that any official of this State, or of any county, city or school district, system or unit, or any other person who shall offend against any provision of this law, or aid or abet therein, or be in any wise therein concerned, shall be guilty of felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in the penitentiary for a period of not less nor more than two years; and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to conduct the prosecution.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, that any official of this State, or of any county, city or school district, system or unit, who shall be in any wise concerned in paying out, using or in any wise expending any State or local funds contrary to the provisions of this law, shall be liable for the amount so paid out, used or in any wise expended, which shall be recovered against him in an action at law in the name of the State, and the sureties on any official bond of such officer shall be likewise jointly and severally liable in such action, and the recovery shall be paid into the State Treasury, it being the duty of the Attorney General to institute such action upon direction of the Governor.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, that the provisions of this Act shall apply to all public school systems in this State, including those maintained and operated by counties and cities, including independent local systems, and all public school systems whether created before or after the Constitution of 1877; and this Act shall apply to all counties and cities and school districts within this State and all the officials thereof.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

S.B. No.42, by Senator Overby of the 33rd District. Passed Senate, first reading in House only, not reported out of committee.

A BILL

To be entitled An Act providing for the assignment of pupils in the public schools of this State; providing for appeals from assignments made by the Local Superintendent and other Officials and the procedure on such appeals and the authority of the Local Superintendent, Local Board of Education, State Superintendent of Schools and State Board of Education in respect of such assignments and appeals; providing that the State Board of Education shall have authority to make assignments of pupils; to provide that the State Board of Education shall have authority to order educational grants and establishing in in the office of said Board a Grant Register and providing for the payment of educational grants to pupils entered on said Register; to provide for review of assignments and enrollments in the public schools and as to pupils found therein and authority of school officials on such review; to provide that this law shall apply to all public schools in this State whenever created; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the following terms shall bear the following definitions:

(a) "School District" shall be synonymous with school system, and shall mean and include (1) A County school district or system as provided in the Constitution of 1945, Art. VIII, Sec. V. Par. 1, and the Code of Georgia 1933 as amended, Section 32-901; (2) All other public common school systems in this State not embraced within the foregoing definition, regardless of when or how created, or by what public body operated.

(b) "Local board of education" shall mean the board of education or other body or authority charged by law or ordinance with the control and management of such "school district," as hereinbefore defined.

(c) "Local Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent or other officer in immediate charge of any school district, as hereinbefore defined.

(d) "Pupil" shall mean any person attending any school district or system as hereinbefore defined.

SECTION 2. Without in any wise impairing his existing authority in respect of assignment of pupils in the public schools, the Local Superintendent shall have authority to assign pupils in the several public schools within the school district in such manner as in his judgment, considering in that connection all information which shall be at his disposal, will best promote the interests of all pupils attending public schools therein, their health and morals, their mental, physical and cultural development, as well as the public health and morals, and every such assignment shall be made consistently with the maintenance of good order within the district and each of its several public schools and maximum attendance in such schools.

SECTION 3. Within 10 days following any assignment by the Local Superintendent, made under authority of this law or otherwise, an appeal may be entered thereon to the local Board of Education by the parent or guardian of the pupil dissatisfied with the assignment of such pupil, or by the parent or guardian of any pupil attending any public school within the school district, or by any citizen resident in the school district, such appeal to clearly set forth in writing the nature of the assignment complained of and the objections thereto, and in the determination of such appeal the local Board of Education shall have the authority conferred by this law upon the Local Superintendent.

SECTION 4. Within 10 days following the order of the local Board of Education on such appeal, an appeal may be entered thereon to the State Superintendent of Schools by any person authorized to enter an appeal to the local Board of Education, upon such person filing in the office of the State Superintendent of Schools a statement of appeal clearly setting forth in writing the order of the local Board of Education and his objections thereto accompanied by a transcript of the records before the local Superintendent and the local Board of Education certified as correct by such local Superintendent and local Board respectively; and in the determination of such appeal the State Superintendent of Schools shall have the authority conferred by this law upon the Local Superintendent.

SECTION 5. Within 10 days following the order of the State Superintendent of Schools on such appeal, an appeal may be made therein to the State Board of Education by any person authorized to enter an appeal to the local Board of Education, upon such person filing in the office of the State Board of Education a statement of appeal clearly setting forth in writing the order of the State Superintendent of Schools and his objections thereto accompanied by a transcript of the record before the State Superintendent of Schools certified by such Superintendent as correct, and the State Superintendent of Schools shall transmit to the State Board of Education a transcript of the records before the Local Superintendent and the Local Board of Education. In the determination of such appeal the State Board of Education shall have the authority conferred by this law upon the Local Superintendent, and said State Board of Education shall make a determination of the matter of said assignment which shall be final and conclusive and not subject to review or inquiry by any Court or tribunal in any manner whatsoever.

SECTION 6. In respect of any assignment made under any other law by the local Board of Education or other public school authority, an appeal may be taken to the State Superintendent of Schools and from his ruling to the State Board of Education in like manner as provided herein by any person authorized hereunder to appeal to the Local Board of Education from an assignment made by the Local Superintendent. The procedure herein provided shall constitute the exclusive method of appeal in respect of all assignments of pupils in the public schools, by whomsoever made and under authority of this law or otherwise, and Section 32-910 of the Code of this State as amended shall not apply thereto; but every assignment or placement of pupils in the public schools of this State shall be subject to appeal as provided herein.

SECTION 7. The State Board of Education shall have authority to make and promulgate rules and regulations governing the several appeals herein provided for and to amend the same from time to time, and shall have authority to extend the time for taking and perfecting any appeal and to permit any appeal to be entered and perfected after the time therefor has expired; and during the pendency of any of the several appeals herein provided for in respect of any assignment of any pupil, said State Board of Education shall have authority to make a temporary assignment of such pupil pending appeal, including the authority to make an assignment contrary to that appealed from, and such temporary assignment so made by the State Board of Education shall be in full force during the pendency of all appeals in respect of the assignment complained of and until final determination thereof, and shall not be subject to review or inquiry by any Court or tribunal in any manner whatsoever.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of every pupil as to whose assignment an appeal is entered, and the duty of the parents or guardian of such pupil, to personally appear on the hearing of all appeals in respect of such assignment, and to submit to examination and inquiry in the premises; and appearances by counsel shall not satisfy this requirement for personal appearance but no person shall be prevented from being represented by counsel employed by him on any such hearing.

SECTION 9. At the time of determination of any appeal which comes before it under the provisions of this law, or at any time thereafter, the State Board of Education shall have authority in its discretion to order an educational grant under authority of Article VIII, Section XIII, Par. 1 of the Constitution, for the benefit of the pupil in respect of whose assignment said appeal was entered, in lieu of attendance on the public schools, if said Board shall regard such action necessary for the better education of said pupil or necessary in the interest of public education in the school district or necessary for public health, morals and good order within said district.

SECTION 10. There is hereby established in the office of the State Board of Education a Grant Register upon which the State Board of Education shall enter the names of those pupils for whose benefit it shall order an educational grant as provided in Section 9 hereof. The grant from State funds shall be annually calculated by the State Board of Education and shall be in such amount as shall represent the State funds attributable to an individual pupil in the public school system which said person would be otherwise eligible to attend; the grant from local funds shall be annually calculated by the local Board of Education and shall be in such amount as shall represent the local funds so attributable. The local Board of Education shall furnish the State Board of Education with such local calculations, and the State Board of Education shall make orders for the payment of such grants to the parents or guardians of said pupils as designated therein, who shall expend the same only for the education of such pupils and under the supervision of said Board of Education and in accordance with such rules and regulations as it may prescribe.

SECTION 11. To more effectually accomplish the purposes set out in Section 2 hereof, the State Board of Education, at any time, under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe and amend from time to time, shall have authority to order review (1) of any assignment, enrollment or placement of a pupil in the public schools made under authority of this or any other law and as to which no appeal has been filed (2) in respect of the attendance thereon of any pupil attending or found in any public school; which review shall be first made by the local Superintendent and thereafter respectively by the local Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools, final and conclusive determination of the review (not subject to review or inquiry by any court or tribunal in any manner whatsoever) to be thereafter made by the State Board of Education. Upon determination of the review by the State Board of Education an educational grant may be ordered as provided in Sections 9 and 10 hereof. Upon ordering review the State Board of Education shall make a temporary assignment of the pupil to some public school and said pupil shall attend such school until final determination of the review by the State Board of Education and such temporary assignment shall not be subject to review or inquiry by any court or tribunal in any manner whatsoever. At each hearing held on review the pupil and his parents or guardian shall personally appear and submit to examination and inquiry in like manner as provided in Section 8 hereof.

SECTION 12. This law shall be applicable to all school districts and all public common school systems in this State, including independent local systems, all public schools operated by counties or cities, and including all systems created before the adoption of the Constitution of 1877 or thereafter.

SECTION 13. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

S.B. No.41, by substitute, by Senator Overby of the 33rd District. Read second time January 19, 1955 and referred to Committee on State of Republic.

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to authorize the laying out of attendance districts in any public school district in this State and to provide as to the attendance of pupils on the school located in such attendance district; to provide for appeals in respect thereto; to provide for the authority of local Boards of Education and the State board of Education as to such matters; to provide that this Act shall apply to all school districts in this State created at any time; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that the Local Board of Education of any school district in this State shall have authority to lay out and create within such school district such attendance districts (and to alter and amend the same at any time) as in the judgment of such local Board of Education will best promote public education within the school district and said Local Board of Education in laying out and creating such attendance districts (and in altering and amending the same) may consider roads, school bus routes, distance, school population, and every other matter which, in the judgment of said local board, will best promote public education within the school district, and said local Board of Education shall create and lay out said attendance districts in such manner as shall be consistent with the maintenance of good order within the school district in each of its several schools and maximum attendance thereon and shall place one school within each attendance district.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that said Local Board of Education shall have authority to require the public school pupils within said school district to attend the school located in the attendance district in which such pupil resides, provided, however, this law shall not prevent the assignment of a pupil to another school within the school district or to another school in district pursuant to any law authorizing the assignment of public school pupils or authorizing contracts between districts.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the parent or guardian of any pupil resident in the school district, or the parent or guardian of any pupil resident in the attendance district or required to attend the school within such attendance district, may at any time appeal to the State Board of Education from the order of the Local Board of Education creating and laying out such attendance district, or from any order requiring such pupil to attend the school within such attendance district, which appeal shall clearly set forth in writing the order or requirement complained of and the objections thereto, and said State Board of Education upon the determination of such appeal may in its discretion modify or revise the order creating or laying out such attendance district, or make such order as to school attendance of any pupil residing in said attendance district or required or permitted to attend the school therein, as shall in the judgment of said State Board of Education best promote public education in the several attendance districts of the school district and be consistent with the maintenance of good order within said school district and each of its several schools and maximum attendance thereon, which orders of said State Board of Education shall be final and conclusive in the premises and not subject to review or inquiry by any court or tribunal in any manner whatsoever. Pending any such appeal said State Board of Education shall have authority to give direction as to school attendance within said attendance district and school district respecting any pupil required or permitted to attend the school in said attendance district, and such pupil shall attend only the school directed by said board during the pendency of said appeal, which temporary direction of the State Board of Education shall not be subject to review or inquiry by any court or tribunal in any manner whatsoever.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid: (1) "School District" as used in this law shall be synonymous with "school system," and shall mean and include (a) A County school district or system as provided in the Constitution of 1945, Art. VIII, Sec. V, Par. 1, and the Code of Georgia 1933 as amended, Section 32-901; (b) All other public common school systems in this State not embraced within the fore going definition, regardless of when or how created, or by what public body operated. (2) "Local Board of Education" as used in this law shall mean the Board of Education or other body or authority charged by law or ordinance with the control and management of such "School District" as hereinbefore defined.

SECTION 5. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this law shall apply to all school districts and all public common school systems in the State including independent local systems, all public schools operated by counties or cities, including all systems created before the adoption of the Constitution of 1877 as well as all systems created thereafter.

SECTION 6. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

H.B. No.376, by Messrs Lavender of Elbert, Perkins of Carroll, and others. First reading, not reported out of committee.

AN ACT

To provide that any teacher in this State must take an oath that he or she shall not teach the classes with mixed races; to provide that no salary may be paid to any person who does not take said oath; to provide penalties for the violation of this section; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1. Any person employed by a common, independent or university school system within this State as a teacher or instructor shall subscribe to an oath that he or she will not teach any class of pupils in which the white and colored races are mixed. It shall be unlawful for any school system which is either directly or indirectly supported by public funds to pay any salary to any person who does not subscribe to the said oath.

SECTION 2. Any person or group of persons who violate the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished therefor.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

H.B. No.555, by Messrs. Perkins of Carrol, Kilgore of Gwinnett and many others. Two readings, not reported out of committee.

AN ACT

To prohibit the holding of athlethic events, dances, and other similar activities wherein persons of the Negro race and persons of the white race are permitted to participate together; to provide that persons holding such events, persons participating therein, and persons knowingly permitting such activities on their property or property under their control shall be guilty of a felony; to prescribe punishment therefor; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to hold, produce, direct, sponsor, supervise, or otherwise cause to be conducted any athletic contest, game, program or event, open to the public, wherein Negroes or persons of African descent are permitted to play or participate therein with persons of the white race.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, white or Negro, to participate in any such event above described.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to hold, produce, direct, sponsor, supervise or otherwise cause to be conducted, any dance wherein Negroes or persons of African descent are permitted to mix, dance, or otherwise participate therein with persons of the white race.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any person, white or Negro, to dance, or otherwise participate in any such dance above described.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning, leasing, or having the supervision or control of any property or premises, to knowingly permit or suffer any of the activities defined by the above four sections to be held or conducted thereon.

SECTION 6. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction therefor, shall be punished by fine not to exceed $2,000.00, imprisonment in the penitentiary not to exceed eighteen months, or both.

SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

H.R. No. 31-84a, by Mr. Fowler of Douglas. Passed.

A RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to call a convention for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the administration by the Several states of their respective school systems.

WHEREAS, recent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States have tended to withdraw from the sovereign states the power to administer their respective school systems in a fashion never contemplated by the ratifiers of the Fourteenth Amendment: and

WHEREAS, this unconscionable usurpation of power, if not restricted, will ultimately result in the destruction of every vestige of state supported and regulated public education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the General Assembly of Georgia respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing the following Article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

"ARTICLE --

"SECTION 1. Anything in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding, the several states shall have exclusive authority to regulate, administer and operate their respective educational systems as they may deem necesary and proper, and neither the Congress, the President, nor anything in this Constitution shall in anywise interfere therewith or otherwise affect same.

"SECTION 2. The Supreme Court, the several District Courts and Courts of Appeal, and any and all other federal judicial tribunals, quasi-judicial tribunals, and all administrative or executive agencies, shall have no jurisdiction to decide or consider, either originally, on appeal, or by other means of review, any matter drawing in question the administration by the several states of their respective educational systems."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be, and it hereby is, requested to provide as the mode of ratification that said amendment shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution of the United States, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly attested copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each member of the Congress from the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly attested copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the governor of every state and the President of the State Senate of every state and the Speaker of the House of every state for the express purpose of encouraging these sovereign states to take similar action in their legislatures.

H.R. No. 23-54a, by Mr. Deen of Bacon. Passed.

A RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to call a convention for the considering of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the operation of state schools.

WHEREAS, the National Government, through the use of various funds and agencies has greatly encroached, directly and indirectly, upon the operation of the State schools; and

WHEREAS, the operation of State schools is, and should remain, an exclusive State function; and

WHEREAS, the continued exercise of various means and methods by the National Government in controlling the operation of State schools tends to encroach upon an exclusive State right;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the legislature of the State of Georgia respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing the following Article as an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

"ARTICLE --

"SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision in this Constitution, nothing shall, in any way, take away from, or in any manner deprive, the right of the several States of the Union to operate their school systems, and to have exclusive and complete power to regulate and to determine the rules and regulations for the conduct and operation of State schools.

"SECTION 2. Nothing herein shall prohibit any state from accepting aid in any form from the National Government.

"SECTION 3. This amendment shall be effective upon ratification by three-fourths of the several States."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be, and it hereby is, requested to provide as to the mode of ratification, that said amendment shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution of the United States, when ratified by the legislation of three-fourths of the several States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly attested copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of the Congress from the State of Georgia.

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3/22/55